

March 2025 Monthly Update Newsletter

Thank you for your interest in learning more about the Ashland School District housing initiative with Sunstone Housing Collaborative filling the role of project management, community liaison and most importantly ASD advocate. Our goal is to facilitate and support partnerships that will bring new housing to Ashland that is affordable and accessible, providing stability and comfort to school staff, families with children and other income qualified households.

Progress

This month brought opportunities for Sunstone and the development team to engage further with the community, both in an informational capacity and to receive feedback. Sunstone ED Krista Palmer and Board Chair Jill Franko hosted a table at the Housing and Human Services Community Resource Fair where we heard from city employees, nursing students, parents and housing service providers who were glad to hear of affordable family friendly housing coming to Ashland. The general consensus was that this housing cannot come soon enough for the families who will benefit. Additionally, the team facilitated a feedback session exclusively for ASD staff at which we heard concerns regarding the need for sports field space as well as inquiries about how affordability will be guaranteed in perpetuity. A subsequent engagement event open to the public provided clarification about the role of Sunstone, explanation of affordable housing funding mechanisms, and discussion about the site plan. There was also an opportunity for attendees to view alternate field locations within ASD properties and sign up for a workgroup focused on collaboration to meet the need for athletic fields in Ashland.

Krista, representing Sunstone, and Matt Edlen of Edlen & Co., attended the Housing Land Advocates conference in Portland as panelists to discuss the innovation and progress of this project and the significance of collaboration with the Ashland School District and the City in solving the breadth of Ashland's housing needs. This conversation is growing statewide and we are excited to be part of it!

Announcements

- Stay tuned for upcoming community-led design events focusing on elements of accessibility, family friendly spaces and community integration.
- A Pre-App Review of the master plan draft was conducted with the City of Ashland planning department. For a deeper look at the preapp, please visit the news page of Sunstone's website.
- For more information as the pre development process continues, feel free to visit the FAQ page on Sunstone's website for detailed updates.

