

Green Grove Path to Membership-Handout

Please note that each adult member of a prospective household is expected to complete each step.

I. Express interest.

Have an informal coffee/tea/etc. meeting (or extended phone conversation) with a core group member. If desired, you may be given some of the readings below, prior to attending the potluck/tour/info session.

II. Still interested?

Attend a potluck/tour/info session.

If you haven't already:

Read all of our mission, values and policy documents.

Read "Who Does Well in Community?", p.220 of Creating a Life Together by Diana Leafe Christian.

Read "What does it Take to Live in Community?", Chapter 12 from Finding Community by Diana Leafe Christian.

Read the Green Grove "Are We a Good Fit?" checklist.

III. Still interested?

Have a meeting with two core group members to discuss questions from your readings, and answer a few more specific questions from Green Grove.

IV. Still interested?

A. Please read chapters 1, 2, 5, & 12 from **Finding Community** by Diana Leafe Christian and chapters 1, 4, 6, 7 (Agreements and Policies section), 17 & 18 from Creating a Life Together by Diana Leafe Christian.

B. Complete the Green Grove Membership Questionnaire.

C. Attend 3 social or work party or potluck events.

D. Provide information to Green Grove for a background check

V. Current Members will meet to review and make decision on Associate Membership

Upon unanimous approval by current members:

- A. Pay \$50 for annual fee & be welcomed as an Associate Member
- B. Be included in e-mail circle
- C. Be invited to participate in all parties (work & play)
- D. Use art studio by appointment
- E. Glean surplus produce by invitation

Note: The benefits and costs associated with Associate Membership are likely to increase over time, as construction is completed and community amenities increase.

In no way is acceptance for Associate Membership a guarantee that prospective members interested in living at Green Grove are guaranteed full membership approval, or priority rights to the next available unit. Individuals who are interested in full membership must complete additional steps as outlined below.

V. Still interested?

A. Provide 4 references (phone & e-mail both):

–2 professional (paid or volunteer positions)

–2 personal (1 can be family member) but not anyone who is already a Green Grove member or planning to apply to become a member or live with you at GG

B. Sign Green Grove Community Document that demonstrates that you have read the Green Grove policies, bylaws, disclosure & declaration and other legal documents, and will abide by them.

C. Prequalify for mortgage and provide resultant credit check information.

D. Attend 2 membership meetings in person as an observer, OR 1 meeting in person and 3 Skype sessions during meetings.

VI. Current members will meet to review and make decision.

Upon unanimous approval by current members:

A. Be welcomed as a new member of Green Grove Cohousing Community.

B. Sign Sales Agreement, pay deposit on property and apply for bank financing, etc.

C. Assume all privileges and duties of membership.

D. Participate in an intensive training session on Dynamic Governance, when opportunity arises.