

## I. Mission & Vision & Values

- I. A. Objective: To have a mission statement that sets forth the intent of this cohousing neighborhood.

To create a cohousing neighborhood which respects personal privacy while fostering a climate of support, cooperation, safety, responsibility, and trust.

- I. B. Objective: To have a Vision Statement to serve as a guide in creating our neighborhood.

The Vision Statement for the Stone Curves Cohousing neighborhood is:

"Stone Curves, a cohousing neighborhood community, embodies a dynamic balance that fosters diversity, as well as respect for and harmony with the environment, each other, and our greater community."

- I. C. Objective: To be clear about the basic values this Cohousing neighborhood is founded upon.

The Cohousing neighborhood's basic values are

1. Honesty & Trust

We act with openness and honesty and have the courage and trust to speak up when something concerns us.

2. Cooperation

Through acceptance, generosity, and sharing, we live collaboratively with one another. When making community-wide decisions, we place the interests of the whole neighborhood and its residents ahead of our own self-interest.

3. Commitment

We are committed to the vision of living collaboratively in a cohousing neighborhood. We are committed to listening respectfully to one another and honoring other points of view.

4. Support

The community encourages friendship and camaraderie.

5. Respect

We respect the freedom of each person to live as he/she chooses as long as it doesn't interfere with others. We respect personal privacy. We respect diversity of interests, talents, beliefs, opinions, race, age, income, and spirituality.

6. Equality & Fairness

We value every member equally.

1. Safety

Our neighborhood is a safe place -- physically, emotionally, spiritually.

2. Balance

We believe in the balance between a personal and a community life.

3. Responsibility

Each of us takes responsibility for our actions, reactions, and feelings.

I. D. Objective: To be in agreement on these tenets of neighborhood life.

1. We will maintain our neighborhood ourselves through self-management by all resident households.
2. While we recognize that living in community places some additional demands on the members, we also recognize that we choose community because of the benefits it offers. We strive to minimize the demand placed on members in terms of time, money, or energy.
3. Because of the trust we have for each other to act responsibly, we enact minimal rules and rely instead upon open communication and the spirit of collaboration to ensure that we deal with neighbors fairly and respectfully.
4. Although children may not have the same rights and responsibilities as adults, as equally valued members of the community, they are represented in all decision-making.
5. Each household is a financially independent entity, responsible for paying their own expenses and share of the Home Owner's Association dues.
6. Domestic animals are welcome so long as they have minimal adverse impact on the community and the environment.