

Parkallen Community Garden “The Parkallen Diggers”

Purpose

Within the Parkallen community, we will produce food together by implementing sustainable agricultural practices and utilizing common land and infrastructure.

Values and Goals

- Produce food ethically, using techniques that respect and nurture nature as well as the health of those consuming the end product
- Learn as a group about sustainable agriculture and best practices
- Share knowledge between members, focusing on methods of producing and storing food
- Educate the wider community about the opportunities for local food production
- More fully utilize land in our neighbourhood for the purpose of food production
- Enjoy life in community with those that live in proximity with us
- Participate in and contribute to Edmonton's network of community gardens

Organization

The Parkallen Community Garden is an initiative of the Parkallen Community League and the Garden Organizing Committee exists as a standing subcommittee of the Community League Executive Committee. The organization consists of three groups:

- 1) Organizing Committee, at a minimum consisting of a Chair & Community League Liaison and a Secretary/Treasurer. Any additional members of organizing committee will provide enhanced communication and outreach initiatives, among others.
- 2) Volunteer Gardeners that develop and maintain the garden
- 3) Parkallen Residents, as represented by the Parkallen Community League

Terms of Reference

- 1) The plot of land is shared and tended by the Volunteer Gardeners in common. Any and all harvest is shared equitably.
- 2) The methods used to garden shall be of a low-impact, sustainable nature and the organization is committed to continual improvement and implementation of agricultural best practices.
- 3) The Organizing Committee shall communicate with Volunteer Gardeners to prepare for work bees, planting, and harvest, in addition to learning and outreach events.
- 4) The Organizing Committee shall communicate with Parkallen Residents through reporting of the Chair & Community League Liaison to the Community League Executive Committee.
- 5) Infrastructure developed by the Volunteer Gardeners shall enhance the Parkallen neighbourhood with the intent of being considered community assets.
- 6) Decisions made by the Organizing Committee shall be recorded in minutes of committee meetings and made available for the entire organization to review.