

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE CHARTER
COURTS AND RIDGES OF ASHBURN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the homeowners and the Courts and Ridges Community Association to have a committee to assist in the development of policies and standards and to maximize the benefits of the common grounds to all residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified the need for such a committee;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Association does establish by this resolution a committee as a standing committee of the Association as the Open Space Committee

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Open Space Committee is to maximize the benefits of the community grounds to all residents of the community and to encourage participation and use of the community grounds by all members of the Association. In effecting its duties and functions, the Open Space Committee shall:

ARTICLE I

GUIDELINES FOR JOINING THE COMMITTEE

- A. Any C&R HOA member in good standing may join this committee.
- B. A Courts and Ridges Board of Trustee member is allowed to be an active member of this committee, including holding officer positions. During HOA Board of Trustees meetings the BOT member may participate in all discussions and votes in regards to this committee.
- C. A new committee member shall be entitled to full voting privileges for committee recommendations to the Board of Trustees at the start of the second consecutive committee meeting in which they attend. If an active committee member has three consecutive unexcused absences they are no longer entitled to vote and must attend two consecutive meetings to become a voting member again.
- D. Any committee member whose C&R HOA account becomes past due by more than 90 days shall immediately be considered an inactive committee member until their account is brought current.
- E. If the Committee has no active members the Board of Trustees may vote to appoint an Association member in good standing to become an active and voting member of the committee effective immediately.
- F. All Committee members serve on a voluntary basis. No officer or member shall benefit or profit at any time for his or her services to the Association.
- G. Both BOT and committee members must abstain from voting on all motions of paid Contractors with whom they have a relationship (personal or familial). This is to avoid a potential conflict of interest for the oversight of the contractor's performance.
- H. Paid contractors of the Association may not be an active member of this committee.

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ARTICLE II

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL COMMITTEES IN THE ASSOCIATION

To ensure compliance with its responsibility, all Committees shall comply with the following guidelines.

- A. The Committee should consist of at least three officers, a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. All officers shall serve a one year term, which expires at the close of the annual meeting of Courts and Ridges Association.
- B. Committee elections shall be held each year within one month of the annual HOA meeting. Any tie in voting of committee officers will be decided by the Board of Trustees. Once Committee elections have been held no mid-year elections are allowed unless a committee officer chooses to step down from their position voluntarily.
- C. The names of the volunteers elected to officer responsibilities shall be presented to the Board of Trustees to confirm they are HOA members in good standing.
- D. Prepare a roster showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of committee members. A copy of the roster shall be filed with the managing agent and the Board of Trustees. The committee shall promptly update the Board of Trustees of any changes in officers.
- E. All revenue generated by the Committee shall go into the general fund of the Association.
- F. All committee expenditures shall not exceed or deviate from the approved budget without the approval of the Board of Trustees. All receipts for expenditures must be submitted within 60 days of the expense.
- G. Prepare and submit a proposed annual Committee budget for the following year to the Board of Trustees no later than one week prior to the July BOT meeting.
- H. Any Committee vote that results in a tie will be determined to have failed. Any committee member may then bring this motion to the attention of the BOT for final decision.
- I. Ensure the Committee page is current at all times by sending updates to the Communications Committee.
- J. Comply with all Board of Trustees Resolutions as they pertain to this committee.
- K. The committee shall meet monthly at the HOA clubhouse, or as often as necessary to complete its assigned responsibilities. The committee must publish an annual calendar to the BOT which will be published on the website.
- L. The Committee is expected to have representation at all HOA Board of Trustees meetings.
- M. Have comprehensive minutes of all committee meetings. The minutes are to be given to the managing agent and the Board of Trustees prior to each scheduled HOA meeting.
- N. Prepare articles for each publication of community newsletter in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Trustees.
- O. All committee members shall keep in mind they have volunteered to serve in the best interest of the entire community.

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ARTICLE III

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

To ensure compliance with its responsibility the Committee shall;

- A. Develop rules, regulations and policies for the use of the common area grounds of the Association or as assigned by the Board of Trustees. Make and recommended the policies to the Board of Trustees for their approval.
- B. Review the contract for grounds maintenance and any other contracts associated with the open space as designated by the Board of Trustees. Make recommendations for the Board of Trustees in regards to these contracts.
- C. Develop and recommend the implementation schedule of a master landscape plan to the Board of Trustees and facilitate the implementation of the plan upon approval.
- D. Work with the grounds maintenance company to ensure all facets of the open space contract are correctly implemented.
- E. Regularly inspect the common area of the Association, especially the playgrounds to ensure there are no safety issues. Notify the Board of Trustees promptly of any issues discovered.
- F. Develop and recommend a maintenance plan for external facilities to include but not limited to tot lots, mail box covers and the Association Clubhouse to the Board of Trustees and facilitate the implementation of the plan upon approval.
- G. Shall keep the ARB informed of all major modifications to the common area. For example changes like replacing a playground or a significant landscaping change should be brought to the attention to the ARB for consideration. No ARB application is necessary. If the ARB and OSC can't agree to a common area modification then it shall be brought to the BOT for resolution.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Committees are advisors to the Board of Trustees. Their primary role is not to establish policies, but rather to provide information and options to enable the BOT to make fully informed decisions for the Association.

Though Committee officers do have special duties to perform, their position does not afford them special consideration, privileges, or voting rights above and beyond non-officer members. Every volunteer on the committee has an equal right to express their opinions and ideas as how to best serve the interests of the community.

- A. The duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson shall be as follows:
 - 1. Designate the time and place of the meeting, call the meeting to order and conduct the meeting.

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2. Ensure all committee members are informed of current events in regards to the committee.
 3. Act as a liaison between the committee, the Board of Trustees and the Managing Agent.
 4. Be present at committee meetings and Board of Trustees meetings at which a report of activities shall be presented.
 5. Ensure the Managing Agent and Board of Trustees are aware of all meetings and any meeting cancellations/reschedules.
 6. Ensure all committee recommendations and matters of business are reported to the Managing Agent and/or Board of Trustees.
- B. The duties and responsibilities of the Vice-chairperson shall be to assist the Chairperson in the performance of his/her duties, and in the event of absence or incapacity of the Chairperson, is empowered to perform all duties and exercise all authority vested in the Chairperson.
- C. The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary shall be as follows:
1. Shall record and keep comprehensive and complete minutes of all committee meetings.
 2. Shall forward the minutes to the committee members, Managing Agent and/or Board of Trustees.
 3. In the event of absence or incapacity of the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson, is empowered to perform all duties and exercise all authority vested in the Chairperson.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Open Space Committee Charter:

Chair, Open Space Committee

Date

Hereby accepted by the Board of Trustees for Courts and Ridges Homeowners Association this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Courts and Ridges of Ashburn Homeowner Association