

HOA Committees, The Life Blood of the Community

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Committees play a vital role in running our Association and they are often in need of new members. While the HOA Board may be the most visible to the community, our committees do a lot of the “heavy lifting” in running our Association.

IronOaks has eleven (11) standing committees and three (3) ad hoc committees, with close to 200 homeowners participating. All but one of our committees is established by the Board. The exception is Architectural & Landscape (ALC), which is a governance committee specifically proscribed by our CC&Rs.

Standing Committees are established by the Board of Directors. The Board can add a committee they feel will enhance the operation of the HOA, such as the recently added Communications Committee. They also can disband a committee they feel is no longer needed, such as the Appeals Committee, which was disbanded because there were no homeowner appeals for a 12 month period.

Ad Hoc Committees are appointed by the board with limited scope of work. Once completed the committee is disbanded. The General Manager Search Committee is an example. Once the GM was hired the committee was disbanded. If it becomes apparent that they will have an ongoing need to serve the community, they can become a standing committee.

Future articles will highlight specific committees to give you a better idea of what they do and how that impacts our community.