

**COUNCIL CREEK SOUTH**  
**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**FIREWISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**  
**(UPDATE OF ORIGINAL 2010 PLAN)**

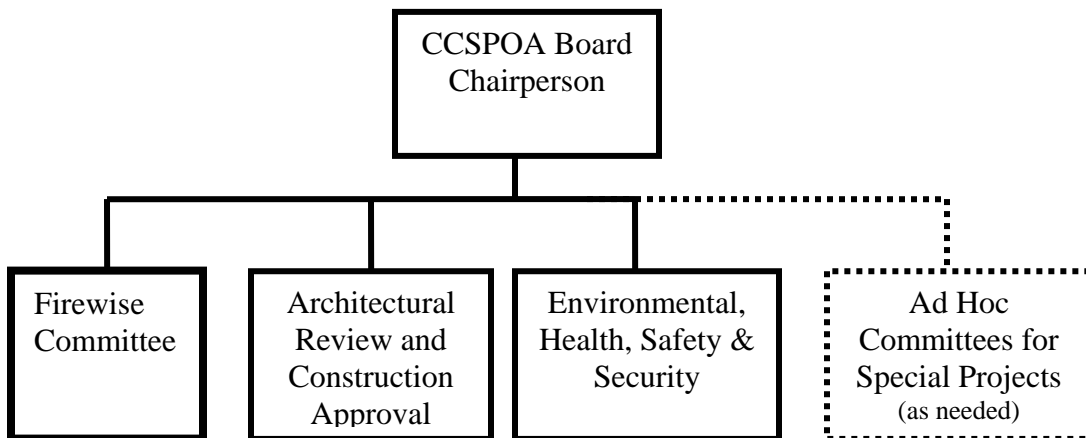
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## INTRODUCTION

The CCSPOA Board of Directors has the responsibility for providing the planning, programming, budgeting, and management to ensure that community development is kept on a track that benefits the property owners as a whole while, at the same time, retain sensitivity to individual situations. To do this with respect to firewise planning and execution, the Board established firewise standing committee.

## FIREWISE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Each committee is assigned responsibility for a specific focus area, as shown below. The committee structure is designed to provide attention and subject area expertise to address high-risk areas, top priorities, and management challenges.



### **Council Creek South POA Board Committee Structure**

The three standing committees are responsible for executing POA program subject to Board approval. Committee Chairs typically provide project oversight and recommend new initiatives. Specific areas of responsibility for the divisions are:

**Firewise Committee.** Develops and recommends community firewise programs/actions with an emphasis on best practices and mishap prevention, investigation and correction. Develops and recommends operational policies, processes, and practices for preparedness and consequence management. Evaluates program strategy and conducts vulnerability assessments with respect to fire threat. The committee makes specific recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**Architectural Review and Construction Approval.** Develops and recommends operational policies, processes, and projects for community residential construction to include review/approval of proposed residential projects submitted by property owners.

**Environmental, Health, Safety & Security.** Develops and recommends community environment, safety, health and security programs/actions with an emphasis on POA processes, best practices and mishap prevention, investigation and correction. Develops and recommends operational policies, processes, and practices for emergency response, preparedness and consequence management. Evaluates program strategy, critical infrastructure, and vulnerability assessments. The committee makes specific recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**Special Projects and External Liaison.** These committees perform special projects on high profile or sensitive requests from property owners or other stakeholders. Examples include the canvassing committees created for the conduct of elections.

## **OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

Strategies are associated with specific program objectives. They represent the plans of action needed to achieve each of the objectives in support of the committee's goals.

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Firewise Committee processes are in place to identify, evaluate and prioritize community firewise projects**

Committee operations are conducted to promote responsible firewise community development. The Firewise Committee, a Board standing committee, forms the direct property owner interface via the execution of firewise projects. The committee will execute the following strategy for meeting this objective.

#### **Strategy:**

- Monitor the community to identify potential firewise projects.
- Evaluate potential projects with respect to applicable best practices, guidelines and/or standards.
- Develop and maintain a priority list of planned firewise projects
- Prepare budget requirements in a timely manner – seek POA funding.
- Create a community effort to reduce fuels in and around the community.
- Work with adjacent landowner to create a possible emergency escape route.
- Map existing water sources such as ponds and pools.
- Develop an approach to install fire connections on available water sources.
- Insure road access to all possible responding fire departments. Many of the roads in the community are over grown and some are not passable.
- Reduce fuels in the common areas around the neighborhood. Focus on areas down hill and adjacent to structures.
- Start fuel reduction by:
  - Focus on clearing all road easements to the full 40 feet width
  - Remove cedars 6” in diameter and smaller.
  - Remove larger cedar to create 25’-30’ spacing between individual or small groups of trees. The measurement is from between the tree crowns or the top

- of the trees.
- Prune all trees 6'-10' from the ground where possible.
- Remove all down and dead wood.
- Creating defensible space by reducing fuels 30' around structures on level ground and up to 100'-150' down hill from structures.
- Continue fuel reduction by:
  - Keep native grasses and wildflowers short when dry, in the heat of summer and cold of winter.
  - Remove all new growth cedar and other ladder fuels.
- Work with the county to create an evacuation plan for the neighborhood.
- Identify a safety zone and a landing zone for helicopters within the community.

**OBJECTIVE 2—An effective communications and coordination process is in place that successfully delivers the Firewise Committee message to all property owners.**

**Strategies:**

- Establish a page on the CCS web site to provide firewise information to property owners and to link with Firewise/USA and other relevant websites.
- Routinely provide firewise articles in the CCSPOA newsletter.
- Provide education of residents on defensible space.
- Create a Fire Prevention message for the community.
- Inform all residents of the wildfire risks to the community.
- Encourage property owners to initiate and sustain a fuel reduction effort on their property
- Encourage homeowners to, individually, prepare an evacuation plan and or kit.
- Identify residents in need of help during evacuation.
- Encourage homeowners to consider replacement of decking and siding with non-flammable materials.
- Encourage homeowners to enclose decking with non-flammable building materials.