

GOMO INFO

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GOMO Annual Meeting Set For Wednesday, October 17

Director Elections & 3 Ballot Measures on Agenda

The GOMO annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at Garden Oaks Elementary at 7 p.m. The meeting is being held on an evening that does not include a Civic Club meeting so that it can begin and end at an earlier time. All record owners of any separately-owned parcel within Garden Oaks Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 are members of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization. Each parcel will have one vote in the Organization on matters requiring a vote of the Members, regardless of the number of owners of the parcel.

Please make plans to attend the meeting. With a 7 p.m. start time, the entire meeting should end at a reasonable hour. You are encouraged to come meet your neighbors and participate in your homeowners association. Also, a proxy form is enclosed concerning the funding proposals, to facilitate a vote by written proxy for members unable to attend the meeting. A postpaid return envelope is also enclosed.

Members Approved Funding For Neighborhood Projects

Night-Time Constable, SPARK Park, Green Spaces

Late last year GOMO mailed a survey to all member households. The GOMO Board proposed spending surplus funds on the three items with the highest levels of support. These were:

Vote to approve spending the sum of \$65,000.00 for an additional Night Time Security Patrol in Garden Oaks. This Patrol to be provided by Harris County Constable Precinct 1.

Proposal Approved: For 193, Against 16, Abstain 4
Total Votes 213, % For 91%

Vote to approve spending the sum of \$35,000.00 for upgrades to the Garden Oaks SPARK Park located next to Garden Oaks Elementary School.

Proposal Approved: For 186, Against 24, Abstain 3
Total Votes 213, % For 87%

Vote to approve spending the sum of \$10,000.00 for enhancements to and maintenance of the Garden Oaks Neighborhood Green Spaces.

Proposal Approved: For 194, Against 16, Abstain 3
Total Votes 213, % For 91%

Thank you all for participating and voting.

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(Terms expire at end of October of the Year in parenthesis.)

GOMO MEETINGS

Our Meetings are Open to All Members.

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the GOMO office, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216, at 7 PM. We also have a meeting dedicated to Plan Reviews, following the Civic Club Meeting at Garden Oaks Elementary.

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www.gardenoaks.org

Deed Restrictions
GOMO Bylaws
Financial Statements / Budget
Violation Form
Transfer Fee Information

Ballot Language

In addition to conducting an election for Directors, GOMO members will be asked to vote on two proposals for disbursement of surplus funds on one By-Law clarification:

Proposal 1

To pay for a daytime constable patrol of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week for the period January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008. This is meant to supplement the current daytime patrol already provided by the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost is \$65,000 for the year.

Proposal 2

To pay for a nighttime constable patrol of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week for the period August 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008. This is meant to extend the current night patrol contract until the end of next year so that potential renewal will sync with the GOMO annual meeting. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost is \$27,000 for the year.

Proposal 3

To modify the By laws: To delete in Paragraph 3.08, the last 6 words "unless otherwise provided in the proxy".

Paragraph 3.08 currently reads "At any meeting of its Members, the Member (s) representing a Parcel entitled to vote may vote by proxy executed in writing by the Member or by his or hers duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy will be valid after 11 months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy."

Paragraph 2.02 (paragraph 5) is currently in conflict with 3.08 "Proxies may not be effective for a period exceeding 11 months."

Each disbursement proposal requires a majority vote for approval at the October 17 meeting to be funded. The By-Laws outlines three budgetary areas for GOMO: 1) a \$100,000 suggested reserve; 2) an operational budget for GOMO; and 3) surplus funds budget which can be allocated with Member approval for projects that benefit the neighborhood.

Director Elections Slated Slots for Sections 1 and 2 to Be Filled

Director positions for GOMO Directors will be filled at the GOMO annual meeting by voting members in respective Sections as follows:

Section 1

The term of the position currently held by Graham Gips ends on October 31st. Graham was elected as an interim director when Sheila Briones resigned her seat to become Civic Club President. The term for this position runs through October of 2010.

Section 2

All 3 director positions are open in Section 2. The terms for the seats held by Jay Tatum and Ed de Alba end as of October 31st. Both Jay and Ed were elected in 2004. The terms for these 2 positions will be "re-staggered" with one term ending in October 2009 and one ending in October 2010. The highest vote getter will get choice between the two terms.

Todd Prince, elected in 2005, is resigning his seat as of August 31st. The term for this position runs through October 2008.

Sections 3 & 5

No positions are currently open in either Sections 3 or 5.

If you are interested in running for any of the positions available in Sections 1 or 2, please contact any of the GOMO Directors listed in the Gazette.

The requirements of the positions are:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must own property and live within the Garden Oaks Section for the Director's position that you are volunteering to stand election for
- If no Member residing in the Section stands for election, then a Member who is an owner in that Section, but lives in another Section, may stand for election as a "Non-Section Director", whose term is 1 year
- All property owned in Garden Oaks must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions, excluding violations that existed before your ownership of the property
- Must sign a statement attesting to the above

Current GOMO Finances

Brief Synopsis of Organization's Resources

(As of 7/31/07)

Assets \$466,770

Liabilities

Nighttime Constable (Remainder) \$48,000

SPARK Park (Approved Funding) \$35,000

Green Spaces (Approved Funding) \$10,000

Net Income for Current Fiscal Year

(10/06 - 7/07; After partial funding for
Nighttime Constable & Operating Expenses) \$83,000

Additional financial information is available at
GardenOaks.org.