

GOMO INFO

A publication of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization

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Attend GOMO's Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

Director Elections & Surplus Funding Proposals Slated

The GOMO annual meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21 at Garden Oaks Elementary at 7 p.m. 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. Elections for several Director positions and voting regarding proposed expenditure of surplus funds will be on the agenda. Section 4 neighbors are also welcome to attend to learn more about the organization.

Please make plans to attend the meeting. 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.

Director Elections Outlined Slots for All Four GOMO Sections 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 Kathy Horner ends October 31st. The term for this position runs through October of 2012. There is also an open position created by the resignation of Graham Gips. The term for this position runs through October of 2010.

Section 2

The term of the position currently held by Lori Kennedy ends October 31st. The term for this position runs through October of 2012.

Section 3

The term of the position currently held by Ivan Mayers ends October 31st. The term for this position runs through October of 2012.

Section 5

The term of the position currently held by John Ciccarella ends October 31st. The term for this position runs through October of 2012. There is also an open position created by the resignation of Mitchell Katine. The term for this position runs through October of 2010.

If you are interested in running for any of the positions, please contact any of the GOMO Directors listed on the front page of this newsletter.

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.

GOMO Directors have a business meeting once a month on the 3rd Wednesday and are also asked to attend a short plan review meeting following the regular Civic Club meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

GOMO Board of Directors

Section 1:

Sheila Briones (2011)

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412 W. 34th

sbriones@hotmail.com

Kathy Horner (2009)

Cell: 713-385-2050

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kathy@associatedcounsel.com

Open Position (2010)

Section 2:

Ed de Alba (2010)

President

Cell: 713 628-7008

744 W. 43rd Street

ferrocem@yahoo.com

Lori Kennedy (2009)

Secretary

Home: 713-691-6833

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Adrian Berry (2011)

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Section 3:

Jerry Butler (2011)

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Kelly Matthews (2010)

Treasurer

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rkmatthews1@gmail.com

Ivan Mayers (2009)

Home: 713-202-7113

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Section 5:

Tim Weltin (2011)

Vice President

Home: 713-540-5315

1567 Sue Barnett Drive

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John Ciccarella (2009)

Home: 713-688-8285

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ciccarella@intergate.com

Open Position (2010)

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

If you are interested in running for a Director position, please contact a current Director.

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 an informal meeting dedicated to Plan Reviews, following the Civic Club Meeting at Garden Oaks Elementary.

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

Ballot Language

In addition to conducting an election for Directors in respective sections, GOMO members will be asked to vote on two proposals for disbursement of surplus funds:

Proposal 1

To provide funds for continuing coverage by one daytime and one nighttime constable patrol of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week each, for the period January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010. These two constable patrols are meant to supplement the current daytime patrol already provided by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and GO residents. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost for renewal of the two constable patrols is \$130,000 for the year.

Proposal 2

To provide funds for maintenance and landscaping of neighborhood green spaces by reimbursing the GO Civic Club upon submission of applicable invoices and receipts. This proposal authorizes annual expenditures of up to \$20,000 for three consecutive years with the total cost not to exceed \$20,000 per year.

Each disbursement proposal requires a majority vote for approval at the October 21 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.

**VOTE ON PROPOSALS
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21
or BY MAIL-IN PROXY
(return envelope enclosed)**

Deed Restrictions, More Info On-Line

A copy of the Garden Oaks deed restrictions and other information can be found on-line at the GOMO website: www.gardenoaks.org.

Invitation to GOMO Monthly Meetings

All GOMO Members are invited to all of our meetings, including our monthly director meetings. Democracy works best in an open environment and that is as true at the neighborhood level as it is at the Federal and State levels. There is no better way for the people of our community to see for themselves how we evaluate the building plans brought to us and how we reach consensus on decisions.

It is also the best way to get your questions answered. The GOMO Board is made up of 12 people and the Board doesn't have an "opinion" about a topic unless a majority of a quorum forms a consensus view. So no one Board Member is able to tell you what GOMO "thinks" about an issue or idea until we have an opportunity to deliberate and form a collective opinion. The formation of GOMO policy and opinion takes place at 7:00 PM, on every third Wednesday of the month at our business meeting held at the GOMO Office, Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216. You are very welcome to attend, make suggestions, propose ideas, ask questions, clarify rumors, or simply observe the process.

An Invitation to Join Extended to Section 4

Garden Oaks residents in Section 4 (homes between Golf and Alba) are not currently members of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization. A formal invitation to join the neighborhood association is being extended to our neighbors in Section 4. Additional information about the process will be provided at upcoming events and in future issues of the *Gazette*.

Current GOMO Finances

Brief Synopsis of Organization's Resources

(As of 9/15/09)

Assets	\$ 409,079
Liabilities	
Two Constable Patrols	
(Remainder for Fiscal Year)	\$22,000
Green Spaces	
(Approved Funding not yet disbursed)	\$13,675
Net Income for Current Fiscal Year	
(11/08 - 8/31; After Operating Expenses & Partial Funding for Constables)	\$107,698

Additional financial information is available at GardenOaks.org.