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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes      Tuesday, June 28, 2022      6:30 pm

**LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER  
Downtown at Monterey and Dunne Avenue in the Madrone Room.**

Members:

John Jenkins	President 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
AB- Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2023	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023
		Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024

- I. Call Meeting To Order      6:30 pm      John Jenkins, President
- II. Adopt Agenda/May Minutes      John Jenkins, Action  
Motion to accept by Daniel, with a second by Joe . Passed unanimously.

III. Reports

- A. Financial Report      Allen Palmer, Action

Income- SCC Grant has been delayed.

Expenses- Building Supplies \$247.98 for plot 100 and wood for watering post, Water Bill \$223.69 (More than last month, but less than last year same time), PortaPotty Rental \$208.64:  
Total: \$680.32 We got a notice that the PortaPotty and Insurance rates will go up.

Motion by Pat to accept the report, second by Alex . Approved unanimously.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Sign up sheet follow up      Pat Day, Discussion

Mary noted that as of yesterday, the sign up sheet is much the same as when we signed up on the meeting social meeting day. There were three additions. Cindy Wilde has put her name down for the pollinator garden care with Sabrina Reitz. Nick Benevento has added his name to the demonstration bed care with Cindy Day. Alex Simpliciano is on the list for yearly bench and table refinishing maintenance and I have an email out to Luis to see if he wants to continue doing that in the future with Alex. An email went out to all gardeners to add names to the sign up sheet which is posted up on the inside of the shed doors. Mary can send out a monthly reminder for gardeners to add their names to the helper list.

Pat says thanks for getting plot 100 completed. Also, a thank you note to City or to Chris for mowing the weeds should be sent out. Daniel thinks he remembered that Chris offered to do this twice a year. John said he would send out the thank you note to Chris at the City.

- B. Short and Long Term Planning Session      Allen Palmer

Allen passed out the list of projects and read them out. (See below.) The Board went through the first 5 items, had some discussion, and made some motions to approve as follows:

1. Replace all wattles in the winter of 2022 and the spring of 2023 with wood plots. Allen volunteered to manage this job. *Joe made a motion to replace the wattles with wood at the end of the summer growing season, with a second from Allen. Approved unanimously. Pat made a motion for Allen to bring recommendations for action to the board at the next meeting (or email his report if out of town), with a second by Joe. Approved unanimously.*
2. There is no plan for expansion of new boxes for at least 2 years. No plans for orchard at this time due to drought. *Pat made a motion that we do not intend to increase the number of plots beyond our existing plots for two years, with a second by Joe. Passed unanimously. Pat made a motion to not plant any orchard trees due to the drought, with second by Mary K. 7 yea votes, 1 absent, and 1 abstain. Motion passes.*
3. Appoint a committee to research and report options for main pathways that are currently gravels, no later than August meeting. Information needed are: material, costs, who is going to do the job, time frame to complete the job. Maintain the pathways between the plots with wood chips. *A committee still needs to be developed to bring recommendations to the Board regarding pathway maintenance and improvements. Daniel made a motions to use wood chips in the large pathways, but there wasn't a second and the motion died.*
4. Managing delivery of manure, mushroom compost, and wood chips and to identify designated locations for this material. *Pat made a motion to appoint a person to make recommendations to the Board regarding the placement of manure, soil amendments, and wood chips and to bring those recommendations to the Board at the next meeting, with a second by Joe. Motion passed unanimously. Kay volunteered to be the person to do the work on the above materials locations.*
5. Web page updates ...Facebook updates *Pat made a motion that the secretary send correspondence to the gardeners who expressed an interest in working on the website asking them to prepare a proposal for the Garden website development and maintenance and the costs involved, with a second by Martha. Passed unanimously. Pat suggested that Alex report back to the board at the next meeting what those ideas were from the website volunteers.*
6. Eight small plots in front. What should they be used for? Who should manage them? Some options to think about are: planting cover crops, herb, flowers/pollinator, vegetables for everyone to use or for donation. *Mary K made the suggestion that we correspond with those who signed up on the volunteer sheet to work on the demonstration beds and for them to prepare a proposal as to what their ideas are for the small demonstration beds.*  
**Discussion to be continued at the next meeting on the following items:**
7. Rodent control ... Gopher and Ground squirrels. Find a volunteer to trap rodents.
8. Who is responsible to maintain plots? Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their physical box with approval of board appointee (oversight committee)
9. Recommendation for a storage place for the gardeners to store tomato cages by this fall.
10. Pollinator garden. Maintain the middle part that has the native plants (water once a month and dead head as needed. This job will be done on workdays). Reconsider design of 8 circles by building boxes around them or use the existing wattles (by fall). Amending the soil in 8 circles and getting it ready for next spring.
11. Organize and clean stuff (wheelbarrows ...) at the east side of garden by fall of 2022.
12. Review membership and registration process. Allen and Mary K. are working on this process.
13. List of requests for the city of MH: Fix parking lot asphalt, possible grants for cameras and solar panels with batteries. Winter 2022 and Spring 2023- replace all wattles with wood (9 plots)

V. Adjournment regular meeting 8:10 John Jenkins, Action Item