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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:30 pm

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

Members:

Joe Elliott	President 2025	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Pat Day	Vice-President 2025	Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2025
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Rob Holcomb	Board Member 2025

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:30 pm Joe Elliott, President

II. Adopt Agenda/November Minutes Joe Elliott, Action

Joe suggests we go by the agenda with no additional conversation.

Motion to accept the November minutes and January agenda by Daniel, with a second by Allen.
Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership Membership

No comments to be heard.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Reports Allen Palmer, Action

Inventory 2023- *postpone until February. Mary look up Jan 2021 list and send to board.*

Year end report for 2022- Motion to accept by Pat, second by Daniel. Approved

Budget 2023 (spreadsheet) Motion to accept by Pat, second by Martha, Approved.

Current Month Financial Report- Motion to accept by Daniel, second by Rob. Approved.

B. Oversight Report Mary Kellogg, Action

We attempt to have year-round gardening. Many not actively gardening, but most plots are weeded and maintained. Five gardeners were contacted during December and January and notified to maintain their plots better. Three have decided to not continue gardening and said they would come by the garden to clear out their items and remove plants before February 1st.

Motion to accept by Allen, with a second by Rob. Approved.

C. Work Day Report Kay Meyer, Action

There is a new work day proposal from Kay. For the months of February-March on Saturdays 10-3 anyone can come to work with Kay if it is not raining to do weeding and mulching.

Gardeners can come and work any length of time and sign in and sign out for record keeping.

Martha will supervise other months in the future (schedule to still be set).

Daniel made a motion to approve Kay's Saturday project, with a second by Pat. Approved.

Kay will retire in March and might also be there other days of the week (schedule to be set later).

V. Unfinished Business

A. Garden Email Mary Kellogg, Action

Mary will email Betty for her thoughts on a compensation for her time and effort fixing our email problem.

Pat made a motion to compensate Betty and Mark Jones for their extraordinary efforts at fixing our email not to exceed \$500. No second. Motion died.

Allen makes a motion to not exceed \$1000. No second, motion died.

Daniel made a motion to approve up to \$750. Second by Mary. Approved. If over \$750 we will take it to the board in February.

B. Grant Use

Joe Elliott

Mary Mansson contacted SCC and gave them the update on our grant use plans. We will continue with 3 Wooden beds near plot #100 at a cost of about \$500 in addition to grant money. Pathway Decisions- Rob reports that we could cover gray fines over the gravel and tamp it down. Rob has a contact with an arborist for mulch. Daniel suggests contacting Hollister Landscape for gravel instead. We need to clean the garden pathways and remove the weeds out of the existing gravel area in the garden before either work is done. An idea was submitted that perhaps the City could drop off piles of fines if they have it available. Rob's suggestion is about \$2,000 for fines. \$1,700 would be left for more gravel. Daniel will work on a gravel proposal for February. Allen made a motion for Rob to get an official quote for the fines for our February meeting and enter a contract if it doesn't exceed \$2500. Second by Mary. Approved with 1 Abstain. Joe will work with the work day people about scheduling the building of plots (99,101,102)

VI. New Business

A. Registration Update

Allen Palmer

We are waiting for last registrations which are due January 31st. Rob will write "suggestion box" on the box in the shed door. The box is for suggestions and not registrations with money inside.

B. 2023 Calendar

Joe Elliott, Action

Board meetings- Pat moved to have Board meeting for 2023 on the 4th Tuesday each month and the second Tuesday in November for the election. No meeting in December. Second by Daniel. Approved.

Social events- postponed to March.

C. Schedule of Reports for 2023

Pat Day, Discussion

Monthly- Financial, Oversight, Work day Committee Reports

Quarterly (can be email report) Website and Demonstration Beds Reports. The report can be what is working, problems encountered, help needed, etc.in March, June, September

VII. Next Meeting Agenda. (February 28)

Mary K

Same agenda as January, but not 2023 calendar or Schedule of Reports. Add bindweed control discussion to next meeting. Ask City if they can include the Garden in their weed abatement schedule. Joe will call City. (Social events at March meeting)

VIII. Adjournment regular meeting 7:45 Joe Elliott, Action Item

IX. Closed Session at end of regular meeting 7:45- 8:00

Garden Property Future Care- The board decided to explore the management of weeds in the far parts of the property (not plot area) with the City and to bring up findings at the next regular meeting.