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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes  
Tuesday, April 25, 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/March 28 Minutes Joe Elliott, Action.  
Motion to accept the above by Alex, second by Martha. Approved unanimously.
- III. Hearing of Membership Membership  
*No members with comments. Sarah Miller here for the water containment item later.*
- IV. Reports  
A. Financial Reports Allen Palmer, Action  
Income- \$375 gardening fees  
Expenses- Building Supplies \$26, water bill \$107, PortaPotty \$247, stamps \$32 \$412. Total  
Balance- \$30,620  
Motion to accept the above by Daniel, second by Pat. Approved unanimously.  
B. Oversight Report  
Several gardeners have been contacted about removing weeds or trimming plants back.  
Waiting to contact one gardening in person to better explain the work to do. Daniel suggests we contact gardeners about starting their planting now.  
Motion by Allen, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.  
C. Work Day Report Kay Meyer, Info  
25 plots have finished all work day requirements. 19 have completed no work days.  
Last Sunday- no attendance. We'll start doing midweek early evening work days.  
Motion to accept the report by Allen, second by Rob. Approved unanimously.
- V. Unfinished Business  
A. Registration Update and Temporary Plots Allen Palmer, Report  
We currently have 10 open plots. Six gardeners have taken on an extra temporary 2023 plot to keep plots planted.  
B. Projects Allen Palmer, Action  
1. City communications report (available free materials, etc.)  
Chris Ghione from the City doesn't have resources to send out materials for pathways. He will make sure we are on their weed/mowing schedule for removing tall weeds for fire prevention. Obtaining road grindings for a test area in pathways in July is possible. No equipment and personnel can be provided. On the agenda for the next meeting we will add road grindings and where to put them. To view what road grindings looks like, we can look at a pile over on Condit Road by the pool overflow parking.  
2. Grant: Wooden plots 99-102 construction, gravel pathways  
We will need to start on this project soon to use the \$5,000 grant. There was a discussion that we received the grant money in September, and contacting the County to see if we can wait to use it between June and this September since we have had a rainy season and not able to get to the work. Joe will call and ask them. Grant items include upgrade computer website (done), supplies for teaching classes (possibly new wooden plot for demo plot building),

and replace gravel pathways. The current document has a June 30 deadline to complete work. There was a discussion to use the existing fines in the pile at the end of our roadway before weeds start to grow. It should stabilize the entire garden, but not fill it in completely, and would need to be compacted.

Pat made a motion to approve not to exceed \$3500 out of the county grant to hire a contractor to level the gravel, spread the current fines we have, tamp them down, and later spread the wood chips in the field after the City mows with a second by Allen. (Discussion- Joe wants Rob to get a new quote and have the wood chips as a separate item.) 7 aye, 1 abstain.

Pat suggests that Rob be the go-to person to schedule the work to be done by of May 15.

3. Other Grants- We did not do the Commonwealth application because of the quick deadline and question about if signage is still needed. Chris Ghione said there is a grant due in February to accept requests from groups like ours asking for money for projects.

## C. Social Events

### 1. Earth Day Participation

Mary Kellogg, Info

Our booth was staffed by several people in shifts all day long. Thanks to the 11 garden members who took shifts to share garden information at the booth.

2. MHCG on site event (date, event) The City can put our Open House events to announce dates the community can attend our event. (We made a distinction that we are open space, not a City park.)

We have scheduled an community-wide Open House for a mid-morning Saturday in July. The discussion is to continue at our May meeting.

MHCG- Our own membership social get-together will be in September.

## VI. New Business

### A. Rain Catchment

Sarah Miller, Information

The proposal is to build a rain catchment demonstration project with gutters on the sheds. We will add Rain Catchment discussion on to the next month's agenda. Sarah knows of some rain catchment possible grants. Vally Water and the City have some incentives and grants.

### B. Agenda for May.

Rain catchment, gravel update, asphalt grindings from City, July Open House

## VII. Adjournment

7:44 Joe Elliott, Action Item