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Morgan Hill Community Garden *Tentative Minutes*
Tuesday, May 23, 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/April 25 Minutes Joe Elliott, Action.

Add to agenda: City Compost Workshop in October and dismantling of wattles.

Motion to accept the above by Rob, second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership Membership

Sue Villanueva notified the board that the ADA area is too soft for wheelchair access. Joe will look into a product to lay around the plot to make it harder and will look for possible alternative materials for the area. Rob will get tamping done now. Joe will include the purchase of pathway material from the grant to also use for the ADA area. Sally Casas stated she would be against the use of Round Up in the garden.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Reports Allen Palmer, Action

Income- gardening fees \$547

Expenses- water bill \$168, PortaPotty \$247, Special projects \$2,850 (path fines) Earth Day
copies and sign laminating \$32.38 Balance- \$27,868

Balance of \$1571 left in grant after website and pathway work .

Motion to accept the above by Alex, second by Rob. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Report

Eleven gardeners have been contacted about removing overgrown plants or weeds, starting spring and summer planting, clearing pathways of plants and weeds, controlling mint and artichoke plants in plot, and removing or adjusting gopher devices that were beeping continuously and bothering other gardeners.

Motion by Allen, second by Pat. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Report Kay Meyer, Info

There have been no work days since the last meeting. This Thursday will be a work day evening with Kay. Kay will send an email telling the board which plots have most gopher activity.

Motion to accept the report by Daniel, second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Registration Update and Temporary Plots Allen Palmer, Report

We currently have 5 open plots, and will have 6 after the scout finished his project. Two prospective gardeners may be in the process of sending in registration items. Ten gardeners have taken on an extra temporary 2023 plot to keep plots planted, so we have many plots available for February 2024 should we need them.

B. Projects Allen Palmer, Action

1. Asphalt grinding/gravel update (City)

There was discussion on the impact of asphalt grindings on garden soil. The board is not

actively pursuing this right now. Joe will tell Chris Ghione at the City that we don't want to pursue that options at this time.

2. Grant: Wooden plots 99-102 construction, gravel pathways

Pathways: Rob reported on the completion of the fines spreading and compacting. Joe will get a quote on gray fines to complete the job, perhaps just a few yards are needed. Pat made a motion to approve the purchase of fines up to the balance of the grant money (\$1571) for the delivery and dumping to be completed by June 20. Second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

Wooden plots 99-102: We could use grant money to get wood for two more plots. Plot 99 will probably be completed with a scout project in a couple of months. Plot 100 is already built. We could build 101 and 102 later if needed.

Additional wattle project: Allen suggests removing the wattles and cleaning up that side of the garden. Allen offered to be in charge of cleaning out the wattles.

Pat moved to give Allen authority to clean out the wattle plots at no cost to the garden. Second by Rob. Approved unanimously.

Weed whacking by Manny: When board members see Manny, thank him for all of the weed whacking he has done around the garden and out by the street. Mary will send thank you card in the mail.

C. Social Events

1. MHCG on site event (date, event)

We have scheduled an community-wide Open House for 10 am on Saturday, July 15. Mary will contact Linda and Jeanie to see if they are interested in working on this for their work day hours. Sue Villanueva also volunteered to be a part of this at the board meeting. We can advertise on Facebook, our website, and on the City events calendar.

VI. New Business

A. City Compost Workshop- October Joe Elliott, Action,

Joe will contact Jasmine at the City for more information. It will be a July agenda item.

B. Rain Catchment (postponed to July) Sarah Miller, Information

From last month- The proposal was to build a rain catchment demonstration project with gutters on the sheds. We can still add a 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.

It was determined that we would not catch much water and it would cost a lot of money. If Sarah can get grant money, we could consider this in the future. This is not needed at the garden, so we will not pursue this. Pat stated that the mission of the garden is to provide gardening in the community. This is not our mission in the community.

Allen makes a motion to not pursue this at this time. Second by Daniel. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Agenda for May.

fines update, July Open House, City Compost workshop, update on grant

IX. Adjournment

7:31 Joe Elliott, Action Item