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Morgan Hill Community Garden Agenda  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 6:30 pm

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

**Members:**

Ab-Joe Elliott	President 2025	Ab-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	Ab- Rob Holcomb.	Board Member 2025

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:33 pm Joe Elliott, President

II. Adopt Agenda/May Minutes Joe Elliott, Action

Additional items-

Bank signatures under financial reports

V.B.3 (purchase of stabilizer with grant money)

Motion to accept the agenda by Allen, second by Martha, Approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the May minutes by Martha, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership (none) Membership

**IV. Reports**

A. Financial Reports Allen Palmer, Action

Income- \$188 2 plot fees

Expenses- \$1066 for grinds. 24 tons of base fines for pathways from grant.\$18 for demonstration plot fees, water \$219, porta-pot \$247 Account Balance: \$26,522

Motion to accept the report by Mary K, second by Martha. Approved unanimously.

B. Bank signatures Allen Palmer

Currently our bank account at Bank of the West has 3 persons authorized to sign checks. Allen Palmer, our current Treasurer, and John Jenkins (who is no longer with the garden) and Linda Sears (who is no longer Treasurer).

Mary made a motion by to remove John Jenkins and Linda Sears from the Bank of the West account, second by Martha. Approved unanimously.

Allen made a motion to add Joe Elliott (President) to the garden's Bank of the West account as an additional person authorized to write/sign checks, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Report Mary Kellogg, Info

9 gardeners were contacted about starting work day hours. 3 more gardeners are new to the garden and will be contacted next time if they haven't started. The gardeners who were contacted last month about starting to plant their plots have come and gotten their plots planted.

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

C. Work Day Report Kay Meyer, Info

At the last group of 3 work days we got some good work done with 5 participants each time. 6 plot owners still need to start work days. Kay will contact those gardeners individually. 31 gardeners are finished with all work days.

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

## V. Unfinished Business

### A. Registration Update

Allen Palmer, Info.

5 plots are open, 3 of which are being worked on for soil improvement or weed abatement.

### B. Projects

Joe Elliott, Action

#### 1. Pathway Update

Rob Holcomb, Discussion

Postpone to July, but if needed, work to do done via email since Rob is not here.

#### 2. Plots 99-102

Joe Elliott, Discussion

Postpone to July, scout plot building of plot 99, other

#### 3. Grant Update

Joe Elliott, Discussion (Allen)

\$505 is left in grant money. Joe will spend about \$523 to be used on stabilizer material to stabilize the handicapped walkways.

Mary made a motion to allow Joe to purchase stabilizer material to stabilize the handicapped pathways, not to exceed \$600. Second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

#### 4. Grindings from City

Allen reported Chris Ghione wants to update the garden lease next year. We will request a 10 year lease. The road grindings will be available soon. The board discussed not using them at this time since we just purchased and used the fines in the pathways. The weeds were cut down.

We will bring it up at the July meeting about using the grinding in the parking area next to the property line fence.

### C. Social Events

Sue Villanueva, Action.

This is a MHCG on-site whole community event to open up our garden as an example of Open Space in the City, set for Saturday, July 15, 10am- 2 pm.

Class by Pat 10:30-11:00 on successful gardening practices, Kay-gophers

Garden tours by volunteers from garden members

Mary will send out an email for volunteers from our membership (to help on July 15) with a request to please reply soon. Schedule between 10-2 for walking around the garden with visitors, including composting (Contact Jeff and Sarah about time if possible.)

Alex will help set up the plastic tables and canopies.

Theme- Organic, sustainable gardening.

Herbs for home gardening. Children-flower planting.with paper cups- Sue V

Coffee from Peet's or Starbucks. Paper cups, water or iced tea, ice.

Watermelon wedges, small muffins from Costco.

Mary will send out Sue's public announcement by email to all board members to approve and reply to her by early July.

Allen made a motion to approve Sue's use of not more than \$125 for the materials needed for the community event, second by Martha. Approved unanimously.

Board members arrive at 9:30 am.

## VI. New Business

### A. City Compost Workshop- Oct.

Joe Elliott, 5 min., Action.

Postpone to July. If Joe needs to act on this before July, he can contact all board members for approval.

## B. Registration Payments 2024

Allen Palmer, Discussion

There was discussion of the possibility of using something like Zelle.  
This will be brought up at the July meeting.

## C. Insurance

Allen

- 1) The insurance company says we have Directors and Officers insurance. He was concerned that Kay Meyer who does a lot of organizational work at the garden is not a board member and may not be covered on this policy. He thinks he should be on the board.
- 2) Allen thinks we need to raise the insurance amount to cover rising costs. Allen will see what the cost would be. (Medical insurance injury coverage for \$100 for a \$100,000 policy. Allen will collect the information for the July meeting for Action on insurance.
- 3) Pat, as acting president, recommended to the board that Kay be appointed to the Board since we have an open position.  
Allen made a motion to appoint Kay Meyer on the board, Martha second, Approved unanimously.

## VII. Next Meeting Agenda

Mary K

Open house review, scout plot, pathway update, bank signatures update, pathways and grant update, road grindings use, City composting event, electronic registration payment information, additional insurance update for discussion

## VIII. Adjournment

8:07 Pat Day, Action Item