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Morgan Hill Community Garden Agenda  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 6:30 pm

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

**Members:**

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| 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 |
|              |                     | Kay Meyer         | Board Member 2024 |

- I. Call Meeting To Order/announcements 6:32 pm Joe Elliott, President
- II. Adopt Current Agenda/Previous Minutes 6:30 Joe Elliott, Action, 2 min.  
Adopt above by Allen, second by Alex. Approved unanimously
- III. Hearing of Membership 6:32 Membership, 4 minutes  
*Any garden member may address the Board when recognized by the Chair. The Board members or other audience members may not engage in conversation or dialog with the membership speaker. A member may say they will wait to talk on a specific agenda item until that item comes up on the agenda and be so noted by Joe when it is your turn to make your statement.*

**IV. Reports**

- A. Financial Reports 6:36 Allen Palmer, Action, 4 min.  
(not end of month reporting no monthly bills came in, but any ideas from the Treasurer) Bills from Jones- fees to be paid for website hosting. One new gardener in #19. ONE problems with Zelle, Microsoft issue to be addressed between Allen and Betty. Check, Zelle, money order.

No financial report to approve.

Allen made a motion to have Mary assign plots as she sees fit.

- B. Oversight Report 6:40 Mary Kellogg, Action, 2 min.  
Three plots were ready and prepared for new gardeners. One new gardener has been placed in plot #19. Two other new gardeners have not sent in registration forms yet. We have plots #31 and #66 ready for new gardeners at this time. In February we will have 10 more that we know of at this time.

Mary moved plants that were left on the ground next to the compost bins out into the field. Structures were removed from vacant plots #62 and #63.

Individual emails need to go out later in November to gardeners who need to convert to fall and winter gardening. General notices about that topic have been included in other emails that have gone out throughout the fall.

Kay has given me a list of contact information for garbage and recycling collection, obtaining horse manure, and a list of plots with gopher activity.

Forward kay's email to Joe. Large gopher problem. Hire a pest control person? Pat.Joe can make phone calls about pest control. Email to board if available to do pest control. Watch kids around traps, flag with a stick so people will know where

traps are. Squirrels- collect multiple squirrels in traps. Zoom email or at garden in person when we have pest information.

3 email problems, 2 fixed.

C. Work Day Report 6:42 Kay Meyer, Action, 4 min.

All gardeners have completed their work. One gardener who didn't is not returning to the garden, but he has cleared out his plot. The other gardener who had a medical emergency this fall will complete her hours as soon as she is able.

## V. Unfinished Business

A. Announcement of Board Officers for 2024. 6:46, Joe Elliott, 2 min.

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|              |                     | Sally Casas       | Board Member 2026 |

B. Composting 6:48 Mary K, Discussion, 10 min.

Grinding, adding moisture, turning, checking temperature, etc. Use of bins for new plants. How to use #s 1-6. What to tell gardeners? Empty, remove floor? Remove lids. New email- no compost bins at this time. Compost only in your own plot email, contact Pat for how.

C. Projects- Pathways/wood chips 6:58 Rob Holcomb, Discussion, 4 min.  
Rob unable to attend. Postpone until the first 2024 meeting.

## VI. New Business

A. OSA Tour postpone 7:02 Joe Elliott, Report, 5 min.

B. Registration for 2024 7:07 Mary and Allen, Discussion, 10 min.  
Registration form with Zelle option. To go out mid-December. Payments held and cashed in January. Include 2024 Bylaws, 2024 Garden Policies, Vegetable Growing Chart, coversheet introducing Zelle and due date of January 31 for registration.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 7:17 Mary K, 3 min., Discussion  
January scheduling of grant writing for 2024 (AAUW, Sakata, City, Rotary, etc),

pathways/wood chips (Ron), composting system and committee, Board selection process, Board member individual responsibilities, all garden members required meetings

VIII. Adjournment 7:22 Joe Elliott, Action Item