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Morgan Hill Community TENTATIVE Garden Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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 2026
ab-Pat Day	Vice-President 2025	ab-Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2026
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2026	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2025
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2026	Ab- Rob Holcomb.	Board Member 2025
		Sally Casas	Board Member 2026

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

II. Adopt Current Agenda/Previous Minutes Joe Elliott, Action

Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Alex, second by Daniel. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership Membership.

Sue V. - Booth at Earth Day, Sue wants flyer for Open House and Garden Info. Pest problems in plots. Hose holder next to her plot to replace.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Reports

Allen Palmer, Action

Allen thinks we need a committee to get the word out for vacant plots. He suggests we poll garden members to see if they use the porta-potty which is one of our highest costs of the yearly budget with fees for drop off and removal. A member suggested we ask the City for a permanent restroom. (To accommodate our elderly, disabled, etc. which would probably be a \$75,000 cost, however.) The board will just make an executive decision based on balancing the budget. The registration payment method is working well. Current budget-\$11,900.00 but there might be a budget shortfall in reaching that number.

Motion to accept the report by Daniel, second by Sally. Approved.

B. Oversight Report

Mary Kellogg, Action

Four gardeners were contacted about trimming plants in plots and removing a plant not allowed in the garden. (Daniel thinks oversight should look for safety and repair items also.)

Motion to accept the report by Alex, second by Daniel. Approved.

C. Work Day Report

TBD (No Report)

V. Unfinished Business

A. Projects- Pathways

Rob Holcomb, Report

(Postpone to February meeting)

B. Garden Year Dates

Joe Elliott, Action

1. The gardening year dates to be determined later in year. (Feb-Jan or Jan-Dec to align with fiscal year). Next year will be January- December to align with our tax reporting. Bring back to February meeting to determine notification date.

2. Work days/tasks. (Plots 62 and 63, weeding, pathways, pollinator garden, other weeding, etc.) We need Martha and Rob in attendance to determine this, so it will be brought back up in February. Joe will contact Chris at the City for the next City mowing date.

3. Open house in June. We need to advertise earlier, have more promotion- Johnson Garden Center, Home Depot. use Facebook more, etc.

4. Sally will contact MHUSD district office for Earth Day/ Garden information.

5. Grant writing deadlines 2024 (AAUW, Sakata, City, Rotary, etc. City of SJ for trees) Mary compiled some grant information and presented it to Joe so we can watch for the deadlines.

VI. New Business

A. Composting at MHCG

Joe Elliott, Discussion

Mary Williams compiled some suggestions in a report regarding having committee for composting with jobs that take a little time and jobs that take more time and a system. Present Mary's plan by signing up from email. We will need a committee of about 4 gardeners to organize this. We will put out as a in a request for workers soon. Oversight committee will send out a pathway improvement with having gardeners weed and place wood chips after rains stop.

B. Garden Policies Changes

Mary Kellogg, Discussion

1) Number of scholarship plots. (Postpone to February) Joe says we have a commitment to community in our City agreement. Allen says our budget might not support 10 scholarship plots.

Allen made a motion for Joe to make the grant based on need, Second from Sally. Approved.

2) Latest Master Gardener Tips suggested 3 inches of mulch in pathways and in plots when gardeners are leaving. Our policies say two inches of mulch in pathways when leaving. No motion was made, so no action or change.

Tabled to February when Pat is in attendance-

D. Board Member Tasks

Pat Day, Discussion

individual member responsibilities, Board selection process

E. Board Meeting Attendance

Pat Day, Discussion

VII. Next Meeting Agenda

Mary K, Discussion

Earth Day participation at the CCC, Open House, Publicity with City of MH, tabled and postponed items. Photos of plots for Open House and Earth Day events is requested.

VIII. Adjournment

7:37 Joe Elliott, Action Item