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**Morgan Hill Community Garden Agenda Tuesday, July 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  
Pat Day Vice-President 2025  
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026  
Allen Palmer Treasurer 2026

Daniel Armendariz Board Member 2026  
Martha O'Rourke Board Member 2025.  
Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2025

Rob Holcomb Board Member 2025  
Sally Casas Board Member 2026

I. Call Meeting To Order

6:31 pm Joe Elliott, President

II. Adopt Agenda/June Minutes

Joe Elliott, Action

Motion to accept the above by Sally, second by Allen. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership

Membership

Sue Villanueva commented on the liquid needed to solidify the gold fines near her plot for wheelchair access. Daniel would like the board to consider changing some of the specification to allow San Martin to join our garden to fill plots and positions. (This needs to be an agenda item with City of MH input.)

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

A. Financial Reports

Allen Palmer

Income: \$343.00

Expenses: Water \$284.00, PortaPotty \$132.00, Meeting Room CCC (2025) \$275.00 T=\$691.00

Bank Balance: \$27,249

B. Oversight Report

Alex Simpliciano

Alex noticed plot #66 has a hose leak, needs repair. Other hoses are okay. Plot #70 needs a number plaque. (Mary will find the plaques.) Alex checked hoses and nozzles and will get ten replacement nozzles. Plot #22 needed trimming and it was done. Plot #55 needs repair. Some plots need attention- no planting activity or planting and those gardeners have been contacted..

C. Work Day Report, Pollinator Garden

Martha O'Rourke

Martha noted almost all gardeners are making progress on their six hours. 7 people need to finish. A couple have 0 hours and Mary will notify them after Martha sends her the names. She met with pollinator garden committee and they will meet again the first week in August to determine pollinator garden needs based on tasks they were assigned. Center pollinator garden plants are labeled and they will be ready for Open House. They plan to write a key for the plant needs and who will take what tasks in the pollinator garden. Policy like a list of plants and who would approve the plant before planting was discussed. The 4 corners with the new upcoming plants is planned. Martha will let Mary know who needs to do hours and what task.

D. Demonstration Beds

Pat Day

The monthly gardening class was held on July 6. There were twelve attendees. The next class will be Saturday, August 3, 10:00 am at the Community Garden. The demonstration beds are all being utilized with: The Three Sisters, strawberries, peppers and tomatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, composting in place, loafahs, sunflowers, amaranth and more.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory

Sally Casas

Sally is still working on plan for maintenance of shed. Joe will work with Sally.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants

Joe Elliott

Joe has no more info on grants. They expect the CAFF group will have more grants with the USDA. The City of Morgan Hill supplied and posted the new "No Trespassing" signs already.

G. Mulch, Pathways, Composting

Rob Holcomb

Because of heat tree trimming is slowing down for wood chips. No other report.

H. Rodent Control, Soil

Daniel Armendariz

Daniel resigned from the board and will not be taking care of the rodent control at this point. He is busy managing many other personal responsibilities now.

I. Board Member Selection, Correspondence

Mary Kellogg

Various emails from the garden email were received, forwarded, and sent regarding member's garden work hours completed, pests in plots, additional plot checks that were due and to be sent in, enrolling two new gardeners (plot 63 and 93), July 6 class, July 7 work day, and August 3 class reminders, upcoming board meeting information to members, and forwarding emailed requests to the appropriate people in the garden. An email was sent out notifying gardeners of Joe's departure from the board and the garden due to his new residence outside of the City of Morgan Hill and the need for additional board members to appointed and to be included in the November election, and organic gardening requirements.

J. VACANT: Marketing & Publicity.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Open House Sept. 14

Sue Villanueva, Action

The current large garden has less of a community feel than the smaller garden used to have and she wants the Open House to build community. She wants to have a schedule with times for activities to build community interactions. Possible activities: food event, ticket to get a prize (trowel and other gardening item), special ticket for one new MHCg gardener ticket to a new person who is a Morgan Hill resident, ticket for one hour with a master gardener (Pat), free little library books that pertain to gardening. Tamara will create a flyer for the garden, multicultural food presentation possibility.

B. Security Update- signs to post

Joe, Discussion (done above)

C. Weeding in Gold Fines areas

Joe, Discussion

Gold fines area needs to be weeded. Rob suggests using the 30% vinegar from Ace. He will try it on some weeds and see how it works.

VI. New Business

A. Board President Replacement

Joe, Action

Joe's escrow has closed and he will move by August 1. Pat as Vice President will take Joe's responsibilities for the remainder of Joe's term. He mentions we need new people to participate in the management of the garden. Pat will run meetings through end of year and will announce at the classes for the need for a president. Various members will make special contacts to enlist other garden members to be appointed. Mary will take on Got Gophers communication from Joe.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 8/27

Joe Elliott, list

Changes to bylaws and Garden Policies, board selection and meeting of garden membership. contacts results for possible new board members.

VIII. Adjournment

8:19 Joe Elliott, Action Item