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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Tuesday, August 27, 2024. 6:30 pm
LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
Downtown at Monterey and Dunne Avenue in the Madrone Room.

Members:

Pat Day Vice-President 2025
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026
Allen Palmer Treasurer 2026

Martha O'Rourke Board Member 2025. Sally Casas Board Member 2026
Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2025 Ab-Rob Holcomb Board Member 2025

I. Call Meeting To Order

6:30 pm Pat Day

II. Adopt Agenda/March Minutes

Pat Day

Move VII.A. Bylaws change up on the agenda and place after III.

III. Appointment of Board Member

Pat Day, Action

Pat recommends that Charlie Beecroft complete Daniel's term through January 31, 2026. Allen made the motion, second by Martha. Pat asked Charlie in which area he wants to work and he selected "Marketing and Publicity.". Motion to accept by Sally, second by Martha. Approved.

(VII.A.) New Business- Officer selection in Bylaws change

Pat suggests a change in the bylaws from member voting to board interviewing and selection of board members. There has been no competition for board members for a number of years with room on the board for all who wanted to run and they have been placed in board positions without the need of an election. When we did have elections, very few people voted. Board members now have oversight jobs based on their desires/ experience in an area. Allen made a motion to approve the above bylaws language change, with a second from Charlie.

Discussion: Allen is against the motions as it is written. He thinks members need to be more involved. Allen thinks the board should interview people and post those names to members, with the slate of candidates that board is approving. Pat says many non-profits are run like we are proposing. Sally agrees with Allen. (Term begins February 1 for new members.) Charlie says we could use a software program to tally.

Motion by Mary to accept the bylaws change to board interview and selection, second by Martha. Passes 3 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

IV. Hearing of Membership

Membership

Sally requests not using chemicals for rodent control.

V. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

A. Financial Reports

Allen Palmer

Income- \$0

Expenses- Special Projects (Demo beds) \$22, Building Facilities Supplies \$25, Gardening Supplies (locks, hoses) \$42, Water Bill \$337, \$50 regulation fee for state filing. Rodent Control \$425, Insurance for the year \$1,452. Total \$2,486

Bank Balance \$24,763. Garden in good financial condition.

Allen resigned as Treasurer due to moving out of the area. Pat thanked him for his work at the garden. Mary made a motion for Bill Barnhart take over as Treasurer from 8/27/24- 1/31/26, second by Sally. Motion passes.

B. Oversight Report

Alex Simpliciano

Alex purchased 8 hoses at home depot and has the receipt. Gardeners in plots 11/12 working on weeds.

C. Work Day Report, Pollinator Garden

Martha O'Rourke

Martha reports that Mary contacted those who needed to get work hours done in the garden. The writing of a Pollinator Garden manual work in progress to outline plants, watering schedule, etc. During the second week of November planting of grant plants will be scheduled. Bill has labeled plants in the pollinator garden. Labeling in demo beds plots has also been done by Cindy Day.

D. Demonstration Beds

Pat Day

Pat reports that the beds are full. There is an education class on Sept 7 by Kristie Ashley from Anaerobe Systems fertilizing system. Then Pat will finish up the class when she is done.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory

Sally Casas

Sally is still planning what to do with the shed. She was going to get help from Joe, but he has moved. She suggests getting a Costco shelf 6' tall, with 8 boxes to put things in. She is requesting money to buy the shelf. She is willing to put \$50 in. Allen says there is a line item and a board member shouldn't have to put money in. The new cost is \$129 plus tax. Mary made the motion that the board approve not to exceed \$150 for this purchase, with a second by Charlie. Martha agrees there is still money in those categories for this. Approved.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants

VACANT

G. Mulch, Pathways, Composting

Rob Holcomb

H. Rodent Control

Mary Kellogg

Mary has been emailing with Got Gophers and they have been out a couple of times to rebait the squirrel boxes and to set gopher traps. They will be on a schedule to come out every two weeks.

I. Board Member Selection, Correspondence

Mary Kellogg

Two garden members were contacted about serving on the board by phone or email. One has agreed to be considered to be appointed at the next board meeting. Replies were sent to two possible new gardeners, with one now gardening.

There was notification to some gardeners about work hours to still be completed and tasks to complete, update on pest control measures, and plot fees due for newly taken plots. Notification as went out regarding the July garden class and Open House reminder. An offer for plots was sent to gardeners who left in the past couple of year in case they were thinking about returning to gardening, but no one has requested a plot at this time. A request for gardeners in 5 northeastern plots was sent out to remove a new and mysterious weed or plant that has volunteered to sprout up in the pathways in that area. Lots of work scheduling and follow-up emails went out to gardeners to compete work day hours and Open House emails were forwarded to Sue. Mary corresponded with Lisa Keller at Got Gophers various times and shared our map with her and some photos of pest activity.

J. VACANT: Marketing & Publicity. (Newly appointed to Charlie Beecroft)

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Appoint replacement Treasurer

Pat Day

to start February 1, 2024. (Already done above, and Bill will take over effective immediately)

B. Open House Sept. 14

Sue Villanueva, Action,

Sue has a schedule for the day of the event. Set up by 9:45 am. (7 Street signs, north east side on Tennant. Tennant & vineyard circle, Farmers Mkt. Alex will help her with this) Set up people need to arrive 8:30-9:45. Tables for kid activities. Table with garden books... Sue will do vegetable grilling with Alex. Tablecloths for kids tables and other activities are in the left shed. Diversity in garden- show different kinds of crops with flags showing different types of plants

C. Weeding in Gold Fines areas (no report)

Rob Holcomb, Discussion, (Absent)

VI. New Business A. Officer selection change in Bylaws (done- moved up on agenda)

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 9/24

Mary Kellogg

Election process details, present gardener board position replies regarding board positions, rodent control progress, Open House report, (Martha won't be here)

VIII. Adjournment

Pat Day