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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes
Wednesday, October 23, 2024. 6:30 pm
LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
Downtown at Monterey and Dunne Avenue in the Diana Murphy room

Members:

Pat Day Vice-President 2025
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026
Bill Barnhart Treasurer 2026

Martha O'Rourke Board Member 2025
Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2025

Charles Beecroft Board Member 2026
Sally Casas Board Member 2026

I. Call Meeting To Order

6:30 pm Pat Day

II. Adopt Agenda/September Minutes

Pat Day, Action

Pat suggests eliminating V.C. as changes have been approved throughout the year.

Motion to accept agenda by Charlie, second by Martha. Approved.

Motion to accept the minutes from September by Martha, second by Charlie. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership

Membership

No garden member statements.

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

A. Financial Reports

Bill Barnhart

Transition to new treasure is complete. Mary will contact Mark who spread out wood chips to send us an invoice for payment of \$600.

B. Oversight Report

Alex Simpliciano

Alex sent out a map. This October the garden looks better than last year in October in terms of neatness and appearance. He noticed some plants are too big for the some plots, the gate latch is not always locking and a sign reminder is needed for gardeners to secure the door, and one hose mount on plot 63 is broken. Mary will send oversight notifications from the garden email. An email needs to go out to one gardener about keeping items in her own plot. Bill will take down the old MHCG sign that is weathered and Lynn will cut it up and put it in the dump at home. We need a sign with our address as sometimes people can't find out location. Sally will contact Chris about getting an address sign.

C. Work Day Report, Pollinator Garden

Martha O'Rourke

Pollinator garden planting will be on November 2. Mary will contact 5 people to help on November 2, 9 am. There will also be a Fall cleanup work day at the same time. The pollinator garden committee has a plan of where the plants are laid out in the four corners. We will write a thank you note to Xerces for new plants. Include a photo of the pollinator garden with the plants after the work day.

D. Demonstration Beds

Pat Day

We will need a new demonstration bed manager. (Small plots by the shed.) We will need to have a plan for how to use beds in the future. Pat will not do monthly classes in the future. We will need a new garden class teacher or a team to share the months. An email advising about the pollinator garden work and other needs will go out.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory

Sally Casas

Daniel donated the shelf, Alex assembled it. She had a receipt for lock hasp. The left shed is also a mess and she will work on that in the future.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants

Vacant

G. Mulch, Pathways, Composting

Vacant (Lynn Kaminski)

Lynn wants feedback on how things are going with the mulch work she has been doing.

H. Rodent Control

Mary Kellogg

Rodent control emails were passed on to Got Gophers and they came and placed a couple of new traps. Sally wants to have a plan to put mesh under new boxes in the future. Sally suggested having active owl boxes might help with pests. Mary Williams has information to share with Sally.

I. Board Member Selection, Correspondence

Mary Kellogg

Correspondence for board member slate information was done. There was correspondence with a couple of new gardeners in plots 80, 81, and 82, as well as notification that one gardener will not be returning and one gardener with two plots is downsizing to one plot. There was communication with Rob's family about having his memorial at the garden this Saturday. Gardeners who still need work day hours were notified again, and will receive a call or text soon.

J. Marketing & Publicity

Charlie Beecroft

Internal Facebook currently has only 7 people. We will continue to spread the work. Charlie is working on an article for the Morgan Hill Life.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Pollinator Garden

Mary Williams

(Discussed in board member reports above.)

B. Slate of Officers 2025-2027, procedures

Mary Kellogg

We will review the slate and approve the entire slate with a yes or not board vote.

~~C. Final Garden Policies/Bylaws revisions 2025~~

~~Review and approve all revisions. (Deleted above.)~~

VI. New Business

A. Cover Crop Purchase for winter

Mary Kellogg

A motion to approve the purchase of cool season cover crop seeds to be placed in bags with enough for one plot was made by Mary K, with a cost for 10# at about \$60. Second by Bill. Approved.

Pat will purchase seed from Peaceful Valley. Bagging is a good idea. We can have work for the last work day people to put seed in paper envelopes or bags and left in the shed. Pat will let us know when cover crop is in.

B. Beehive at MHCG

Sally Casas

Sally tried to get in touch with the beehive person and will have to have other options. Bill will give Sally contact information.

C. Demo plot to MHUSD for community.

Sally Casas

Sally will get to that next month to give students who need service hours a place to work.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 11/20

Mary Kellogg

Porta Potty cleaning change, monthly class teachers?, Possible Got Gophers schedule change to monthly. Mary K will call Lisa, working irrigation at garden and health of trees, plot for MHUSD, approve slate of officers for 2025-2027, gardeners to email us if not returning with registration documents

VIII. Adjournment

7:55 Pat Day