



Morgan Hill Community Garden Agenda Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:30 pm
LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
Downtown MH at Monterey and Dunne Avenue Diana Murphy room

Members:

Martha O'Rourke-President 2027
Mary Williams- Vice Pres. 2027
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026
Bill Barnhart Treasurer 2026

Lynn Kaminski Board Member 2027
Cindy Wilde. 2027
Alex SImpliciano Board Member 2027

Charles Beecroft Board Member 2026
Sally Casas Board Member 2026

I. Call Meeting To Order

6:30 pm Martha O'Rourke

II. Adopt Agenda and July Minutes

Martha, Action, 2 min.

Lynn made motion to adopt agenda and minutes, with a second by Charlie. Approved

III. Hearing of Membership

Membership

No membership comments.

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

A. Financial Reports

Bill Barnhart

Income- \$0. Expenses- \$417 water, \$211 porta potty, \$185 Rodent Control Current Bank Balance- \$25,638

B. Oversight Report

Alex SImpliciano

Alex reported there are a lot of plots with plants growing over the plot edge. Weeding needed. 91, 78.

C. Work Day Report

Martha O'Rourke

32 gardeners have completed all hours. 18 gardeners are in process. 10 gardeners have completed no hours.

Those that have no hours need to be notified to start working right away on this.

D. Pollinator Garden Report

Cindy Wilde

We now have pollinator garden people volunteering to maintain the area. Cindy will post instructions for taking care of the plants in that area. She wants to trim the center area and move some plants farther out to make more room for the flannel plant. She will trim down the Texas sage. Cindy might need help to dig out some plants and Mary K will contact people with no work hours to help. Martha made the motion to approve \$200 for the pollinator garden plants and drip system, second by Cindy. Approved. Cindy thinks some sections of the pollinator garden benefit from long watering during the hot summer. Cindy wonders where the drip is in the pollinator garden and will identify where it is after she prunes some of the plants.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory

Sally Casas

Sally went through the shed and determined we have enough shovels and wheel barrows. Hand trimmers need to be replaced. We need silicone to spray tools to keep in good condition. Talia donated weeding tools. Mary K made a motions to allow for \$160 for pruning tools and silicone, with a second by Alex. Approved.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants

Mary Williams

A Rotary Club grant proposal is being written for educational signs for the pollinator garden for each type of plant. Mary W. will print and laminate with UV protection.

Mary W put in drip irrigation in the pollinator garden. It is mostly done. She will pick up for hedge row plants on October 23. Mary W and Charlie found another source of the water lines.

Discussion- There will be a work day to plant hedge row plants on Saturday, October 25, at 9 am. There will be 9 big bushes first. Location- The best option for the plant location is against the cement Butterfield Boulevard overpass wall near the new trees. There will be 90 plants total on a drip system. MaryW makes a motion to spend \$300 on irrigation for the hedge against the overpass cement wall, with a second by Mary K. Approved.

G. Mulch, Cardboard, Pathways, Manure

Lynn Kaminski

Gray fines have been delivered. Cardboard coming and there is plenty of manure.

H. Rodent Control/Plot Repair

Mary Kellogg

A gopher was trapped in plot 95 and a trap was placed in plot 48. Plot 47 just notified us of a potential pest, but the trap in plot 48 might take care of that area. Plot 52 repair will be fall work with the plot owner, Nick Benevento, organizing the work.

I Board Member Selection, Correspondence

Mary Kellogg

An email went out notifying gardeners of garden board openings with a request to reply to the email by Sept 17. A gardener in plot 62 will be moving away. Plots 18 and 44 will open up. ADA plots 4 and 6 will be open.

J. Marketing & Publicity

Charlie Beecroft

Fall- Charlie will start with Facebook for garden openings. Sally will help drop some flyers off locally.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Gardening Classes Additions

Martha O'Rourke

Aug.-No Class, September 6 Sue V tomato information, gardening techniques, moisture meter and possibly Jenny R "3 Sisters" progress, Oct Pat:Fall/Winter garden prep, and Mark/Betty- PCV structure/winter growing, Work day October 25 for hedge row plants. (*Pat took over for the September 6 class.*)

B. MHCG sign at Railroad Ave. Update/fence repair

Mary Kellogg

The signs are holding up, and a camera sign is up.

C. Large & Invasive Plant Restrictions, con't.

Mary Williams

Tree of Heaven and walnut trees are being removed. Star thistle is still in the outer field. Plants to monitor and possibly remove are artichoke, sage, rosemary, etc. that get large, bushy, and woody.

D. Insurance Procedures for Visiting Helpers

Bill Barnhart

Our insurance rep said to have waivers for visiting helpers and those under 18 need a waiver signed by their parents. Bill will look at Master Gardener waiver form for outside helpers to pattern ours after.

E. Bylaws and Garden Policy Updates

Mary Kellogg

Mary presented the items from the Bylaws and the Garden Policies that the board has discussed so far this year. Those documents with the revisions were sent to the board and will be discussed further in September with final approval in October.

VI. New Business

A. Election of Officers 2025-2026

Mary Kellogg

The notice about the upcoming election was sent out to the membership. No one has replied so far, but another notice will be posted early in September.

B. Camera Purchase, One more solar light

Mary Kellogg

The board received the information that Dana and Mary collected on various camera replacement options. The board discussed the value and effectiveness of a camera and decided not to get a camera at this time, but to put up an additional new sign.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 9/24 agenda

Mary Kellogg

Bylaws and Garden Policies revisions discussion, board member replies from membership, helper waiver info from Bill

VIII. Adjournment

8:04 Martha O'Rourke