



Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Wednesday, Sept. 24, 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	Lynn Kaminski Board Member 2027	Charles Beecroft Board Member 2026
Mary Williams- Vice Pres. 2027	AB-Cindy Wilde. 2027	Sally Casas Board Member 2026
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026	Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2027	
AB-Bill Barnhart Treasurer 2026		

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:30 pm Martha O'Rourke

II. Adopt Agenda and August Minutes Martha O'Rourke

Motion to approve by Martha, second by Sally. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership None Membership

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

A. Financial Reports Bill Barnhart

Income- \$0. Expenses- water \$388, PortaPotty \$179, Rodent Control \$185, Special Projects \$22

Total Bank Balance- \$24,372

Motion to accept by Mary K, second by Charlie. Approved

B. Oversight Report Alex Simpliciano

Plot repair needed on some plots 12, 3, 5, 7, 38, 36. Martha's idea- Possible use of cinder block corners in the future. A wood barrier deeper than the cinder block. It was noticed that weeding in some plot areas is needed now, possibly use of concentrated vinegar on new weeds for winter and spring. Sally will check to see if vinegar is in the shed. Leadership Morgan Hill did a great job on maintenance of their project. Demo plot tomato cages can be given away at a tomato growing class in the spring. Mary K will ask Recology for a dump voucher.

C. Work Day Report Martha O'Rourke

6 people have no hours completed. The remaining 6 have small number of hours to finish up. All others have completed all of their required time. Mary will send out an email to those who need to finish hours and ask them to spread wood chips and possibly straighten up owl houses.

D. Pollinator Garden Report - no report Cindy Wilde

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory Sally Casas

Sally will pick up clippers and will take care of them in November. Sally straightens up the shed when she goes in. 5 gallon buckets are broken and need replacing.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants Mary Williams

Mary W sent in Rotary grant. She changed the hedge row location because of shade from the new trees to back of Fisher Road and front of garden by entry. Water is available for a small project in the back of Fisher Avenue. The new plants are small for initial planting. A suggestions was a greenhouse in the back of the garden property for up-planting, etc.

G. Mulch, Cardboard, Pathways, Manure Lynn Kaminski

Lynn put out a request to tree trimmers for more clean chips. Uses of the current hay was discussed.

H. Rodent Control Mary Kellogg

A gopher was caught in plot 48 and a new trap set in plot 83. No plot repair information this month.

I. Board Member Selection, Correspondence Mary Kellogg

No replies from other garden members were received to be considered for the MHCG board selection in November. The existing board will be presented in October.

J. Marketing & Publicity Charlie Beecroft

Charlie is looking to put info out in October and November for new membership. He will put more gardening info out in the Internal Facebook. Photo and information on the Leadership Morgan Hill project was put on Facebook.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Work Day, Class Additions 2025

Martha O'Rourke

Independent work day notices and calls will go out to gardeners who need the hours. Another option for work is the October 25 hedge row planting day.

B. Updates to 2026 Bylaws and Garden Policies

Mary K

An allowable structure description and 2 hours of ADA work hours were discussed. Electronic registration, proof of residency and payment added for 2026. These revisions will be brought for a vote in at the October meeting.

~~C. Insurance Procedures Form for Visiting Helpers~~ 7:21, Bill, Action, 10 min.

~~POSTPONE TO OCTOBER~~ Bill out of town.

VI. New Business

A. Disposal of Unused Items

Mary K

Thanks to Bill, Sherrie, and Lynn for taking the big signs and other items to the dump. A topic to consider is the metal and wood in the back field. Mary will ask Recology if MHCg can get a dump voucher and ask about metal disposal. The board would like to dispose of some of the metal piles in the east side.

B. Removal/Use of Demo Plot Tomato Cages

Mary K

The demo plot tomato cages that were in the very small shed that was in the area cleaned up by Leadership Morgan Hill were moved to the left shed temporarily. The board is still discussing the use of that small shed. A possible idea for the tomato cages is to have a raffle at a tomato class in the spring for those in attendance.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 10/22 agenda

Mary K

Garden Policies and Bylaws vote to approve, Slate of officers proposed for approval in November,

VIII. Adjournment

7:49 Martha O'Rourke