



Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Wednesday, March 25, 2026 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
Ab-Mary Williams- Vice Pres.2027	Cindy Wilde. 2027	Sally Casas Board Member 2026
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2026	Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2027	
Bill Barnhart Treasurer 2026		

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:32 pm Martha O'Rourke

II. Adopt Agenda and February Minutes Martha

Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Sally, second by Charlie. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership (none) Membership,

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

Discuss keeping or changing board job responsibilities, including garden manager in April. Martha

A. Financial Reports Bill Barnhart

Income:\$375

Expenses: Gardening Supplies \$77, Water Bill \$163, Porta Potty \$189, Rodent Control \$185

Total Account Balance: \$27,466 Need to rent out the remaining plots to equal income as for last year.

B. Oversight Report Alex Simpliciano

Alex purchased and replaced some hoses. Two faucets need repair. An email will go out to the membership on how to turn the main water off in case of a leak.

C. Work Day Report Martha O'Rourke

We had a good work day with a good number of people. Plots 11 and 12 were weeded and ready to use.

Weeding was done at the pathway from the entry. ADA plots need more work. Mary W and Martha worked on the next grant. Hopefully, we will receive \$5,000 to change flooring of ADA area.

D. Pollinator Garden Report Cindy Wilde

Cindy reports that the weeding in the pollinator garden is mostly done for this year. With new rains we will need to weed again. We had less time and less weeds this year than last. In the future, it would be good to weed earlier this year, perhaps right after a rain. Now is the time to prune the Ceanothus. Then the pruning should be done. Deadheading also planned for this spring. We might still need pruner for left shed. The plants are planned and planted for the pollinator garden. No new plants are needed, unless approved by the board. All helpers should go through Cindy Wilde for weeding, watering, and planting okay.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory Sally Casas

Sally will do an inventory in April. Scott Tarpley (gardener) suggested we get a weed whacker. Sally suggests a wire membrane under the plots.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants Mary Williams

(She is looking for the City to cut the tall grass in the field in May and possible use of grant money for ADA surface.)

G. Mulch, Cardboard, Pathways, Manure (emailed) Lynn Kaminski

We have lots of wood chips, manure, and mulch. She will hold off on ordering gray fines until after the rain stops. Lynne will get quotes on gray fines cost.)

H. Rodent Control Mary Kellogg

3 or 4 gophers have been caught in the last month. Currently there are traps at the front entry and in the pathway next to plot 1.

I Board Member Selection, Correspondence Mary Kellogg

Reminder: At the April meeting we will review the board positions to fill in October/November. There has been contact with numerous potential gardeners and 7 new gardeners have been placed in 10 plots.

J. Marketing & Publicity Charlie Beecroft

Charlie has Earth Day flyers, and flyers at the library and senior center, He posts on Nextdoor and 975 people read it,

V. Unfinished Business

A. Disposal of Unused Items

Martha, Discussion

We will ask gardeners if they have any Recology vouchers they will not be using for dumping old wire and wood out in the storage area. The person with the voucher would need to go with the people dumping the items and show their ID to Recology. Perhaps we will have a May dump day.

~~B. Pathway surfaces~~ (As reported above.) Waiting on grant and City information.

C. License follow-up

Martha O'Rourke

We have to do the fence repair. The City will come and inspect Fisher Road to see if they need to fill chuckholes, etc.

VI. New Business

A. Purchase of additional Benches (like current 4)

Mary Kellogg

Mary moves to purchase three new benches, not to exceed \$400. Second by Charlie. Approved.

B. Resurfacing of ADA area

Mary K

Waiting for info from City, and then get quote.

C. Bindweed and Mint Control

Mary Kellogg

Bindweed was removed and plots or sections of plots were covered with cardboard and straw in plots 21, 34, 43, 44, and 93. Plots 69 and 71 were previously covered with cardboard and now have little evidence of bindweed and can be given out to new gardeners. If we find we have a wait list and we really need more plots, #'s 43 and 44 can be used. There is bindweed in plots 71 and 91 where the gardener is working on controlling the weed. The gardener in plot 20 will move to another plot because her plot had quite a bit of it in there. There are several areas with mint- plots 3, 30, 35, 72, 98 and perhaps more that are not contained in closed bottom pots and are spreading.

Plot 35 is working on it and thinks it is growing from the soil she brought over from the old garden. Mary K plans to meet with these gardeners individually when she sees them at the garden. Using concentrated vinegar was suggested.

D. Community Event Participation

Martha O'Rourke

1. April 25 Earth Day at CCC- ("day of" leader needed)

Doors are open at 7:30 am for set up to be ready by 8:30 am, 9-2 event, 2 pm tear down.

We have a schedule of volunteers. Activity- Seed packet give-away, photos, etc.

2. May 3 City Art a la Carte at the CCC- Volunteers and Art Activity still needed.

E. Work Days, Class Additions 2026

Martha, Action

The Master Gardener Classes in San Martin at the County building parking area are informative. We can notify our gardeners when their info comes out.

After the rain we should have another work day while to soil is soft., Saturday April 11 9-11 am

Bill made a motion to buy a weed whip to use for weeding at the garden. Electric battery + 2 pair of goggles to be used by trained garden members not to exceed \$400, with a second by Sally. Mary K will pick it up. Heavy duty.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 4/22 agenda

Mary K, Discussion

Gray fines, benches and weed whip purchase, reports

VIII. Adjournment

8:00 Martha O'Rourke, Action Item