



Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Wednesday, June 24, 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 2026
Mary Williams- Vice Pres. 2026
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2027
Bill Barnhart Treasurer 2027

Lynn Kaminski Board Member 2026
Cindy Wilde. 2026
Ab- Alex Simpliciano Bd Member 2026

Charles Beecroft Board Member 2027
Ab-Sally Casas Board Member 2027

I. Call Meeting To Order

6:30 pm Martha O'Rourke

II. Adopt Agenda and April Minutes

Martha

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

III. Hearing of Membership - None

Membership, 5 minutes

IV. Reports- Board Member Responsibilities Reporting as needed

Board members will make a report of their activities for the month for the board's information.

A. Financial Reports

Bill Barnhart

Income- Donations and Grants- May \$335.00 Gardening Fees- May \$375 and June \$125

Expenses- May: Water \$225.43 PortaPotty \$189 Rodent \$185 Misc. \$24, Tools \$84.48, Gardening Supplies \$36.21, = \$744.12
June: Water \$317.68, PortaPotty \$189, Rodent \$185, Misc. \$29.62, gave Grants & Gifts \$300 =
\$1,021.30

Current Bank Balance- \$24,950.26

B. Oversight Report

Alex Simpliciano

Mary K will send an email from oversight to those that Alex notices.

C. Work Day Report

Martha O'Rourke

Martha has a new list of gardeners who still need work day hours. Mary K will send an email to those gardeners who need work hours telling how many hours they still need. Work days in evenings for July and August. Mary K will send out independent work ideas- ask for help with pollinator garden watering- with her contact info. Next Work Day is on Thursday, July 9, 6-8 pm with option to do work earlier if needed.

D. Pollinator Garden Report

Cindy Wilde

Work done since last meeting- cleared out last poppies, pruned more center of garden, deadheaded some of the new plants, trimmed back some of the corner plants. Removed rosemary. Installing plant name signs. Gophers in southeast corner. Martha wonders if we need additional soil in the corners to help the plants grow better. Ask Got Gophers to look at the pollinator garden south east side bench to end of row. Special project- new barrier cloth in southeast corner. Cindy knows someone we can get a quote from for water lines and weed cloth in corners. Mary K will buy 4 new African Basil plants for the corners.

E. Equipment Maintenance, Inventory

Sally Casas

Not present.

F. Liaison to City of MH, grants

Mary Williams

We did not get \$5000 URJENT grant, but they will have a grant writing class in August that Mary W will attend. District 1 has their own grant, so we need to contact them. Mary has made signs for plants. Mary W will try to get size 10 cans (coffee can size) from the school district. Kid activities were put out by Mary W. Mary K will send out an email to families about a craft class on Saturday morning, September 19 at the garden Mary W. will make seed balls with families. A few tools were put in the regular shed that were donated to us. Star Thistle was removed from hedge row plants. A poster put up about invasive plants. She called about recycling of wire. Martha suggests to send an email to gardeners a couple of weeks before the Recology coupons expire to have people donate them to the garden.

G. Mulch, Cardboard, Pathways, Manure

Lynn Kaminski

No news to report. Straw was picked up.

H. Rodent Control

Mary Kellogg

Got Gophers continues to set traps and trap gophers. Recently it was noticed that a skunk had been in the garden. Got Gophers does deal with skunks if we should need them for that. The board decided we should focus on the bigger problems of ground squirrels and gophers at this time with the funds being used for pests since there are so many of those and those are doing more damage. (**Ongoing board email discussion to monitor skunk trapping possibility and needs. Kits are in nests, discussion of damage done to plants or plots if any, cost and our involvement with live trapping, etc. Please notify the garden by email for each occurrence of skunk sightings. We think there is one skunk waddling around in the evening or nights. Gardening is not done after dark, so we are gathering information about when the animal in waddling about.*)

I Board Member Selection, Correspondence

Mary Kellogg

President, VP, terms end at the end of even numbered years. The President, VP and 3 regular board members are up for selection at the end of this year to keep us on schedule.. **Garden members are encouraged to attend board meetings this year to see the responsibilities and reporting done by board members.** Lynn, Cindy, Alex and Pres/VP in October. We have gotten more emails and interest in the garden plots and people have received and returned the needed documents.

J. Marketing & Publicity

Charlie Beecroft

Charlie is putting additional posters around town. About 17 people attended Pat's class with positive feedback, announced on Facebook and Next Door.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Disposal of Unused Items, wire tomato cages

Martha

COAST recycling will take any wire and pay us for it. Mary W will meet them there to see if they want it.

*Next Work Days (July 9 evening) , Class Additions 9 am- Arthur (bees) on July 11

Mary K will email Arthur to confirm his attendance for education on bees. Also noted was our bee house in the pollinator garden, and pollinator plants.

B. Community Event Participation Reports

1. April 25 Earth Day at CCC-

Mary Kellogg

The Earth Day participation turned out well with new people inquiring about the garden from our table there. For future events, the board approved the purchase of new tablecloth with MHCG name, Logo, and website printed on it. Also, approved was a standing fabric sign as an attention-getter..

2. May 3 City Art at the CCC

Mary Williams

Mary W thought MHCG participation with an art activity for children went well. We were to prepare for 150 guests, and we had about 75. The "space" decorations can be given away. Our extra art materials can be used as an activity for families in September.

C. New Benches Purchased/Shade options

Mary Kellogg

Two more benches were purchased and we now have benches placed around the garden, close to the garden plots. A gardener did ask if there was a way to get some shade on the east side (and perhaps other areas) besides just the pergola on the west side. Gardeners are encouraged to work at times of day when the sun is less intense or bring their own umbrellas. Another question is if we can provide some shade on the cars that park there. The board thought that the oak trees will get very large eventually and provide more shade.

D. Resurfacing of ADA area update

Board Discussion

Lynn will get a professional quote for new gold fines and stabilizer from You Save Rockery. When some small tasks need to be done we can ask a gardener who knows about that kind of work if they can help with that.

VI. New Business

A. Gate Lock Repair/ Pending code changes

Mary K

The gate lock appears to be working now and not failing. There are some additional parts in the left shed should we need to do additional repairs. We are due to change the shed and gate codes. She recommend not changing the big gate code since many companies and people working with the neighbor next door use that gate. An option is for the walk-in gate, the Porta Potty, and the right shed to have the same code and to leave the left shed as is since only a few people have access to that shed anyway. Codes will be changed with registration in January for the walk in gate, bathroom and shed.

B. Milkweed and other weeds

Mary W

We should we be pulling the various new milkweed volunteers that are popping up around the garden as we now have plenty of those plants. There is more bindweed in several areas of the garden, most significantly in the back two south sections and across from the sheds. Lynn recommends spreading chips over the weeds out in the field. Nick's friend can do the wood chip spreading in October and any gardener can go out and shovel wood chips from the piles over the growing weeds..

VII. Next Meeting Agenda 8/26 agenda

Mary K, Discussion

Metal removal, pollinator garden project with irrigation and weed cloth improvements, ADA area resurfacing quotes and information will be taken care of via board member email.

There will be no July meeting due to many board members being out of town and not being able to get a quorum for a meeting. The next in person board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 pm at the CCC.

VIII. Adjournment

8:06 Martha O'Rourke