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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes **Tues. August 27, 2019** **7:30 PM**
17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA **Community and Cultural Center, Diana Murphy Room**
Board Members:

John Jenkins	President 2021	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2021
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2021	Ab- Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2020
Glenn Lattig	Treasurer 2020	Kay Meyer	Board Member 2020
Ab- Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2020		

I. Call Meeting To Order 7:30 John Jenkins, President.

John read a thank you note from SV Fleurs which included a \$100 donation to MHCG.

II. Adopt Agenda and June Minutes John Jenkins, Action Item

Motion by Glenn, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Info Item

Pat and Cindy were in attendance. Nothing was in the suggestion box.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Information Item

July 23 balance: \$14,687.93 August 27 balance: \$13,036.40

Expenses: Water \$70. (to set up new garden). Insurance \$1150. Receipts: None
Water discussion by Glenn; Glenn pay 3.72 unit; garden 3.27; new garden rate \$13.135. We used
340 units - 4,420 units without passover. We would just cover the rate with rental of all units.
John Jenkins is checking with the city about the \$13 water rate (larger pipe.)

Motion to accept by John, Second by Kay. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item

Garden 14 was been given up this month.

C. Work Day Committee Kay Meyer, Information Item

Kim ran last work day. 4 people attended. Next scheduled work day on 9/19 is cancelled. Next
work day to be at the new garden. Kay will send out a new date and send to Mary K. and post on
the gate. Kay has weed killer to use on yellow star thistle at new site. John took care of bind
weed. Motion by Glen to accept; Mary second. Approved unanimously.

D. Garden Relocation Report John Jenkins, Information Item

1. Work is almost done. John met with Mike Cox on alternative to PG&E. 4 panel solar system
on eBay provides 800 watts. Cost is almost \$1000 and Mike Cox would pay for it. We need
battery and inverter that can be locked up. John checked with Tony and said okay as long as we
get a permit and use professional electrician. Olin may let us tap in. It depends what happens
when Olin turns on taps.

2. Eagle Scouts will not build the beds. We did not meet criteria of Eagle Scout project.

3. One Scout will plant the 30 trees on 9/14. Scouts might build compost structure.

4. Shade structure - 10 ft x 20 ft portable \$170/each on Amazon - two side by side. Will mount in
buckets of cement. If we sink it in the ground it has to be a permitted structure.

5. Tony wants Garden Grand opening October 12. John wants a date after we get wood and soil.
6. Home Depot Grant info may be coming soon. Home Depot MH called about wood pricing.
7. The hose bibs have been straightened out. We need hoses and holders.
8. Cindy said people are ambivalent about moving. She suggested registering early to see how many beds to build. John spoke with Ron Lee who made the same suggestion
9. John is going to send an email to set up a waiting list for the new garden.
10. John is hoping Home Depot grant will cover construction of beds to minimize our part.
11. John suggests that Joe put together a plan. Joe & John may build some beds to get a feel for the timing and how it goes.
12. The Contractor will not build ADA beds. The City needs to pay for that with left over money. Tony wants some ADA plots by Grand Opening. ADA plots are critical to meeting grant. We need decomposed granite around sheds for access and make it level to the door.

Glen made a motion to accept; Kay seconds. Approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. New Site Visit John Jenkins, Action Item

September work day on 9/14 at new site. All are welcome to check it out. Kay will bring water.

B. Security at New Site

Fencing gags have been closed. Fencing is done. We can invite police/sheriff to opening.

C. Weed and Pest Control (covered above)

VI. New Business

A. Plot allotment at new site Discussion

We need to change wording in the bylaws so one garden plot/individual/one vote per family/ address can have multiple plots. John will email out a plot assignment language. We will allow up to 3 plots/family. Families on PG&E pays a percentage of fees for percentage of reduced fee for first plot and full payment on subsequent plot.

B. Fee increase for 2020 Discussion

Glen proposed 20% increase to 60 cents per sq ft. CARE \$24/plot. He is concerned about the new water rate and would have to budget 3 times the amount for water. There may be a mid-year adjustment because of the bigger meter and a bigger bill. Plot holders need to be notified.

C. City take over management, like SJ gardens Discussion

Pro - less work for members; Con - less control

D. Increase work hour requirement at Garden Discussion

Kay thinks it will not be necessary.

E. Registration policy Discussion

Policy Changes from Glenn -Section III.iv - not disclose combination of lock Section V.- proof of residency defined. Section: VI - reason for removal is giving combination to non-gardener.

F. Agenda Items for September Discussion

Elections, Moving shed and tools to new site.

VII. Adjournment 8:54 John Jenkins, Action Item

Board meetings: Sep 17, Oct 22. (7:30 pm) Nov. 12 (election, potluck 6:30)