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Morgan Hill Community Garden Agenda **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**
6:00 Closed Session **6:30 Regular Meeting**

LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
Downtown at Monterey and Dunne Avenue in the Madrone Room.

Members:

John Jenkins	President 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2023	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023
		Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024

****Closed Session Meeting** 6:00 John Jenkins, Discussion/Action, 30 min.
The Board reviewed the appeal of a gardener whose gardening privileges were revoked. The determination of the Board was to maintain the eviction.

Regular Meeting Agenda

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:33 pm John Jenkins, President

John Jenkins made the announcement that he will be moving out of the area, probably during the summer. He noted that future work includes fostering a close relationship with the City. He will stop being president after the July meeting. The Board will either appoint a new President during the summer or if the Vice-President will take on those duties until the November election.

II. Adopt Agenda/March Minutes John Jenkins, Action

A motion to adopt the agenda and to approve the March minutes was made by Martha, with a second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership, Info Item
No members in attendance.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report Allen Palmer, Action

Spending Spreadsheet:

Expenses: The Porta-potty (2 months), \$270 for repair of the wood chipper.

Income \$748. second plot fees. Financially we are still doing well. T-shirt check not received yet. Mary M. Will call on that tomorrow. The water bill will be going up City-wide. 1 1/2 inch service is going from \$58 to \$80 dollars. We will investigate if we can get a residential, low-income, or disabled rate since we serve those populations. The nonresidential rate is going from \$90 to \$133. We will ask if we can switch to a 1 " line since we don't often have many gardeners watering at the same time to need the 1 1/2 " line. Pat wants to know what happens going from 1 1/2 to 1 inch pipe. The plumber that just looked at our system says we have 2 " line that goes down to 1 1/2". He suggests we should have 1 " line. It could be metered down for a lower rate. We will ask City to give us the 1" rate because of our low water use. The meter is City property. Last month Allen talked about different forms and fees. He has a postcard with the current Government rates that he circulated for the Board to look at.

Mary K made a motion to accept the report, with a second by Daniel. Approved unanimously

B. Oversight Committee

Mary Kellogg, Action Item

Five emails have gone out to gardeners regarding violations. All have replied and will take care of the issues promptly. Allen commented that some plots look like they need to be better planted at this time. The Oversight Committee on look out for planting needs now and will contact gardeners if we don't see that happening in the next couple of weeks.

Motion to approve the report by Joe, with a second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Action Item

Kay was not able to attend the meeting but she provided a report.

10 plots have completed all of their work days for the year already.

21 plot have completed one work day for the year.

20 plots have not done any work day time so far this year.

13 plots have gardeners who do other service for the Garden and have work day credit.

Daniel noted that 6 more hoes are needed for work days. Mary K asked if hula hoes would be helpful. Joe noted that they would work great on the gravel pathways, but to buy the Ace version of Hula hoe, not the "Hula" brand.

Motion to approve the report by Pat, second by Daniel. Approved unanimously.

D. Garden Expansion- no new information to report.

We decided previously to not have this as an agenda item in the future, so it will not be on the May meeting agenda.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Native Bee Habitat Project

Joe Elliott, Action Item

Joe provided some bee habitat information. He will put up signs indicating that the mounds are bee habitats so the gardeners will know what they are and not think they mounds of soil for the plot use.

B. Grants

John Jenkins

1. Commonwealth Credit Union Grant- Norm Salom's work location: John went to the Board meeting to pick up a \$500. check and to give a little talk about the garden. They do a lot of promotional items in the town. There are no restrictions on the money use so we can identify a need for its use.

2. Santa Clara County grant- like last year where we got \$2,000. They are looking for people who have used the grant to their specifications to be able to apply for a \$5,000 grant this year. John identified that we could use \$2,000 towards the purchase of pathway gravel, as well as some other items. John will keep us posted on the reply.

3. He is now looking at possibly an AAUW grant to apply for by November. He needs to determine how they specifically would like to see us use their money.

4. Other Board members would like John to inform us of the available grants before he leaves. There could be composting grants. Allen wants copies of the grants that has been successful. John says we need to identify what each organization is looking for before we write the grant to be successful with the grant writing.

C. Shirt Fundraiser Sale

Mary Mansson, Information

57 shirts were sold and we earned \$800. We can reactivate the campaign and add items for kids, long sleeves, or sweatshirts sometime in the future. Thanks to Mary M. We can put out a flyer when Pat has another class to find out how many others are now interested in getting shirts.

D. Gravel Pathways Work

Palmer/Armendariz Disc/Action

Before we go further on this, we will wait to see if we get the big grant from SCC. Gavel rates were investigated. Daniel found that the Hollister location cost would be \$4200. Some of our aisles are too narrow for the big trucks to drive through. We could hire someone with a Bobcat to do the spreading. The cost was for all the gravel and no gas charge. He thought maybe we wouldn't have to pay the taxes if we are identified as a nonprofit. We need smoother pathways for ease of using wheelbarrows. The smaller size gravel costs more and a 2" layer is needed. USave rockery says we could use gray fines to pack hard, but there was a question about what would happen when that material got wet. Gray fines have to be rolled in and pressed down. Allen reported that the gravel size is 1/4 minus at USave rockery. We can try a couple of wheelbarrows of gray fines in front of the shed as a test to see how it works. We might need to do this in smaller projects for different sized trucks to the rockery, etc. Pat wondered if 1/4 minus might work, not what we have now. We have bigger than a quarter size. John can try to find out when we might get the grant. It is okay to use free stuff in front of the shed to try it out. Joe will test out the smaller stuff recommended by rockery. And will do an experiment in front of the shed doors. He will report back at the next meeting and give us a recommendation.

E. Main Water Valve Shut-off

John Jenkins, Discussion

John was investigating working on the main valve. A plumber can do this for under \$500. We need to get the city water line size issue decided first and move forward after that is determined.

VI. New Business

~~A. Five-year Plan 7:18 John Jenkins, Discussion, 12 min.~~

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B. Agenda Items for May 24

John Jenkins, Discussion

Gravel walkway, 5 year plan, volley ball area, grants, Wood chips

Allen was working at the garden working in plots 108 and 109- pulling out weeds between wattles. Allen says wattles are collapsing down and the wattle beds need to be fixed before a garden pays for those beds. He wants each plot to be ready for the gardener. He says we are out of wood chips for between the pathways so only cardboard is being used. Daniel suggests having work day people clean up that area on the next work day in May. Pat will ask Kay to get more wood chips for that work day and he can help with being involved with the wood chip contact person. There was a discussion on the best way to repair the wattles. It was decided to use 5 wooden stakes on each side to pound in and some on the end. Daniel will help be involved with that repair.

VII. Adjournment regular meeting 7:42 John Jenkins