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**Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 **6:30 pm**  
**LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER located downtown at Monterey and Dunne Ave. in the Madrone Room.**

Board Members:

John Jenkins	President 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
Ab- Mary Mansson	Vice-P 2023	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Linda Sears	Treasurer 2022	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2022
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2022	Allen Palmer	Board Member 2022
		Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023

I. Call Meeting To Order 6:28 pm John Jenkins, President.  
Last business meeting of the year.

II. Adopt October Agenda and Sept. Minutes John Jenkins, Action Item

Motion to accept the agenda and and to approve the September minutes by Pat, second by Linda. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions 6:34 Membership Info Item, 5 min.  
No members in attendance

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report Linda Sears, Action Item.

Ending Balance October 26, 2021- \$15,717.50.

Income:

Plot rental \$52.50, Allied Member Services insurance company donation for safety and no claims \$100.00 Total \$152.50.

Expenses: Insurance \$116.58, PortaPotty \$193.65, Garden Supplies (wheel barrow part of grant and hose bibs ) \$128.31, Water Bill \$204.72 Total: \$648.36

(water use 42 units September 2021, 64 units in September 2020)

Budget vs Actual- We are in good shape financially for balancing our budget this year. Insurance a fixed cost. Water and supplies go up. PortaPotty proposed was too low in budget, Motion by Joe to accept the report, second by Allen. Approved.

November will not be a business meeting, but there will be an updated Treasurer's report and Grant report to get an updated financial report before January.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Action Item

There isn't much additional information since last month. We are waiting to see members clear out summer gardens this month. More email reminders will go out in November to clear out old plants and start winter garden or cover crop.

Motion to accept the report by Allen, second by Joe. Approved.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Action Item

One plot needs to complete all two work days. All other work day work has been completed by the garden members. Kay will have one more work day with painting, etc. to be determined by the weather. The Board discussed adhering to garden policies regarding completing work day hours in order to register for 2022.

Motion to accept the report by Joe, second by Alex. Approved.

D. Garden Expansion

John Jenkins, Info

There is not much new to report. We need to put in a new irrigation bib next to the parking lot. Motion by Allen to accept the report, second by Joe. Approved.

V. Unfinished Business

A. ADA area projects/progress

John Jenkins, Discussion

To be covered later in agenda with other projects discussion.

B. November 2021 Election

John Jenkins, Discussion

November 16 election, election procedure information, candidate statements, and ballot has gone out. (We received one email reply already.)

Mary M is ill, but is offering to help out with voting tasks or tabulation at the November meeting.

Mary K will resend election materials November 1. Mary M and Kay will tally. During the tallying there will be a short Treasurer report. There will be an informal and informational question and answer period.

VI. New Business

A. Projects (short and long term)

Allen Palmer, Discussion.

(what, when, costs)

Allen wants the Board to be aware of projects and costs of projects. He would like us to outline projects in time frame categories- short term 90 days, medium 3-9 months, long term.

Some upcoming projects and work:

New shed obtained from the Santa Clara County grant- Possibly place near the yellow cement pylons where we store manure or perhaps diagonally across the garden with a caged in area for miscellaneous tomato cages, etc. Cost? None. Cement base would be good but we might want to move it someday.

Spread chips- Tractor couldn't come because of rain. It might be good to start at farthest end and work inward. Kay opens gate for tree trimmers to dump mulch. Also, we need only clean wood chips, no yard waste, palm leaves or other matter to be allowed.

ADA shed blew down and needs to be rebuilt and fortified to withstand the wind.

Allen suggested that gravel needs filling in- 3/4 - now 3/4 and smaller. Daniel and Joe think it can be added next year. Pat thinks we need to do part each year so it doesn't have to all be done at once. John says we need smaller gravel north and south by the sheds and that needs to be done first because of the constant use there.

Expansion- how big can we get without having a full-time manager? Carpenteria Community Garden has 100 plots with full time manger paid by their City. Our garden is now larger than that without a staff. We are able now to expand to perhaps 140 plots.

We need a good copy of the architectural plan for our planning purposes to make plans in 2022.

ADA area- 2 more need additional layer of wood on top to raise the beds and add soil. At a work day gardeners could add soil in ADA plots as requested by ADA members to help those who cannot use wheelbarrows, etc.

Expansion area- 4 more waddle beds to be built

Set up new storage shed on east side with base after exact location is determined.

Water shut off brass valve needed with a timer. We need a plumber to install a shut off valve.

Water Pipe sticking up needs to be dug down and capped off. We can do this. Kay can dig around this in two weeks.

Need to get the chain-link fence at old garden that we purchased. Alex has a truck.

We can schedule work days by project.

B. Thank-you event for Boy Scouts John Jenkins, Discussion.  
pizza or BBQ event for their work at our garden- Postpone item until January.

C. Agenda Items for upcoming meetings.  
November- Treasurer report, Question and Answer session while tallying votes  
January- Introduction of 2022 Board members, Long term and short term projects, Boy Scout thank you event, first work day set, fundraising, new budget

Pat want Boy Scouts to come to the Board for approval of projects. Board member should be there when they are working

VII. Adjournment

7:45 John Jenkins