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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes **Tues., May 28, 2019** **7:30 PM**
17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA **Community and Cultural Center, Diana Murphy Room**

Board Members: John Jenkins President 2021
 Kay Meyer Board Member 2020 Mary Mansson Vice-President 2021
 Joe Elliott Board Member 2021 Glenn Lattig Treasurer 2020
 AB-Daniel Armendariz Board Member 2020 Mary Kellogg Secretary 2020
 Members in Attendance: Pat Day, Allen Palmer, Sherrie Wren, Colleen Ferrell

- I. Call Meeting To Order 7:30 John Jenkins, President
- II. Adopt Agenda John Jenkins, Action Item
 Motion by Glenn, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.
- III. Approve April Minutes Mary Kellogg, Secretary
 Motion by Mary M, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership (None)
- V. Reports

- A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Treasurer
 April 23 Balance \$14,896.00 May 28 Balance \$14,856.97
 Expenses: Water \$ 94.03 Secty of State \$20 Total: \$114.03
 Receipts: 2 registration fees at 37.50 ea \$75.00 Net \$39.02 out.
 Motion to accept the report by Joe. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.
- B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Chairperson

The Oversight Committee toured the garden and sent emails out to numerous gardeners about starting to plant for the season. Four received emails regarding bindweed. Since that time there is more bindweed. Motion to accept the report by Kay. Second by Glenn. Approved unanimously.

- C. Work Day Committee Kay Meyer, Information Item

The Garden Social/Work day was successful. A few people worked. We couldn't use bindweed spray because of the rain. Kay is asking to get permission to purchase the product to put on the bindweed now that the rain has stopped. Glenn says it is roughly \$8 per gallon from Costco BurnOut. Home Depot has FinalShot and Ortho Groundclear. Kay will buy it and submit her receipt. Kay will add summer work days on the gate. Motion to accept the report by Glenn. Second by Mary K. Approved unanimously.

- D. Garden Relocation Committee John Jenkins, Info/

Discussion The new site has been scraped and leveled. The City will install a 1 1/2" water meter for more flow at the most reasonable water rate, so the rate will be slightly higher. There is a new soil excavation area in the City where we could get some soil, but John notes that the area has too many rocks for us to use. Tony from the City is looking for people who are excavating pools which is another option. The next work is the irrigation and water lines that have to be finished by June and then the 2 sheds go in. Motion to accept the report by Glenn. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. 2019 Registration Glenn Lattig, Information Item

Registration is trickling in now. Most recently we received 4 packages, but two were returned for being incomplete or not including the proof of residence.

- B. Wait List Kellogg/Meyer, Discussion Item

We currently have 6 empty plots. Mary M will announce the openings on Facebook and Next Door.

- C. Compost/Mulch John Jenkins, Information Item

We still have plenty of each and we no longer need this on the next agenda.

- D. Weed and Pest Control Kay Meyer, Discussion Item

Ground squirrels are under the shed. Bindweed will be treated next week after it gets warmer.

- E. May 11 Social Event Mary Mansson, Report

Mary M was thanked for arranging this great event. Having Pat Day's class was very nice. It

was a pleasant day. Kids were in attendance. Kay helped with tea. We got to meet some new gardeners who also attended the tomato sale.

VII. New Business

A. New Garden Presentation

John Jenkins, Info Item

John thought about buying soil and how much it would cost. Retail cost is \$40-60 per cubic yard. Each bed would be 2 cubic yards. Glenn suggests adding in horse manure. Stevens Creek Quarry in Cupertino is the source of top soil by the ton. San Bautista Quarry screens to remove large chunks for landscapers and is \$16 per ton. We need 360 tons at about \$5,000.00 plus delivery charge. John wants to present this idea to the City of Morgan Hill. The Board suggests John go ahead and approach the City. Mary M will look into it, also. Maybe we could split the cost with the City if they won't pay for it all.

Glenn moves that John approach the City. Joe seconded. Approved unanimously

B. Wood Selection- new garden

John Jenkins, Action Item

The cost of redwood cost is too expensive so we are considering using pressure treated wood since it is made with a safer process than it used to be made with. Pat wants some more information about the Garden move since he wasn't here last month. John gave out updated information about our grant of \$240,000. The City will install the Porta Potty and we will maintain it. The City will do grading, irrigation, driveway, water meter, delineated raised bed with border, and gravel in walkways.

Allen Palmer asked about plot size and if we are limited to one bed. The planned bed height is 8". Sherry asked about the old garden use and was wondering if we can stay, but John thinks the City wants us to move. The City chose the architect. Allen asked who will do the building. Some of the wood will be cut, but we will have to do some of our own cutting. Work days will build plots. There is 2 feet between plots for a wheelbarrow to go through. Pat suggests the Board consider being able to stay at our current site as long as possible and not downsize plot sizes for those with large gardens. Kay suggested the option of getting multiple beds to have a larger gardening area. Some gardeners want to stay in the old site with their soil and beds they built. John suggests we have all same size plots, perhaps multiple plots. There is an open space for sprawling crops or corn. Sherry questions the need to have a common growing area. 100 plots are in new plan; we now have 76. The 100 plot area is the irrigated area. It will be stubbed out so we can add more plots later. Pat suggests a survey to see if people will move to the new plot. The local newspaper will have an article about the new garden when we get close. A 12" plot height was suggested instead of 8" height. We will defer decision about wood for next month to get prices on 12". Solar power security lights are on the shed. The area will be fenced and locked.

Wood selection- 4 X 25 is the best size for reaching across the plot. A plastic liner inside the pressure treated wood could be used if a gardener is worried about chemicals. John will ask Tony at the City to price out 12" height. Also, 1/2" chicken wire for under the plot to discourage burrowing animals.

(1" was \$100 per plot, but it was suggested animals could squeeze through that size.) An option was suggested for gardeners to pay an additional amount for the chicken wire and that it would help hold the plot wood together. John will ask Tony for gopher wire since we are doing the labor. It was suggested we have a charter from City to help those that are not able to do all of the work and keep that in mind. The cost of pressure treated wood is \$88 for each plot and \$219 for redwood. Wood cost estimate by Joe for pressure treated is \$10,300 (8" height) and \$17,500 (12" height)

C. Soil Selection (already covered)

D. Agenda Items for June

Mary Kellogg, Discussion

No registration report, continue wood selection decision, John's City information update, Joe's hardware information, Firehouse information, NEW: schedule new site visit

VIII. Adjournment

8:58

John Jenkins, Action Item

Board meeting: June 25, 7:30 pm at the CCC and 7/23, 8/27, 9/17, 10/22, 11/12 election, 6:30

Work Days- 9 am-noon on Saturday, June 8. 6:30-8:30 pm- July 18, Aug 15, Sep 19