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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes **Tues. July 23, 2019** **7:30 PM**
17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA **Community and Cultural Center, Diana Murphy Room**
Board Members:

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

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

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

Motion by Joe, Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Info Item

There was a question from Kim Meyer about Boy Scouts constructing owl houses at our garden. John replied that they are building beds at the new site instead.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Information Item

June 25 balance: \$14,687.93

July 23 balance: \$14,442.75

Expenses: Total: \$245.15

water \$176.53 Kay for Burnout \$38.14. Cindy Day for pollinator garden \$30.51. Insurance expires soon. Glenn will check on new cost for regular and Directors and Officers coverage.

Receipts: None Motion to accept by Mary K, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item

The garden plots are mostly maintained, but plants are growing large. Only one plot has not been planted at all. Three of the vacant plots are well planted and maintained by existing garden members who are aware that they would have to give up the plot if we suddenly had a lot of people ask to be on the wait list. There are now 8 vacant plots. (1, 30, 32, 51, 58, 71, 72, 75).

Two people recently asked to register, but once again, they did not mail in the forms and check.

Motion to accept by Glenn. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee Kay Meyer, Information Item

Kay was not able to attend tonight. Kim will bring the Burnout to the next work day.

D. Garden Relocation Report John Jenkins, Information Item

John reports that there is no electricity at the new site. The PG&E workers were there for Olin. We are waiting for a reply from the City regarding info on the ADA and demo plots. Security issues were brought up to Tony and he received information from Rene Spring. Home Depot has not replied yet about the grant. Mike Cox (neighbor business) might have an idea about power for our site. Daniel Armendariz has a generator we could use if it could be stored easily. Boy Scouts earning their Eagle badges will help put wooden beds together. John mentioned to Tony that irrigation risers for hose bibs are not lined up properly.

Motion to accept by Mary K, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. New Site Visit

John Jenkins, Action Item

Pat Day and others are concerned about the security at the new site. John may ask Allen Palmer to have meetings with the City about security. Mary M discussed an option for a private Facebook page to post when you are going out so people can go out in groups. We need a security evaluation from the City Police Chief to give recommendations. Cameras are a good idea, but would need electricity. Using your cell phone 911 is something for gardeners to remember as an option. We can look into solar power motion lights.

B. Maintenance of Vacant Plots

Mary Kellogg, Discussion Item

(Discuss later in meeting under VI. A.).

C. Weed and Pest Control

Kay Meyer, Discussion Item

Kay was not in attendance due to her work schedule.

VI. New Business

A. Plot Allotment 2020

John Jenkins, Discussion

Mary K had some notes to start us thinking about decisions to make for the new site move. Others will bring up new topics in the next two months and policies in October.

- 1) Plot cost. Glenn suggests a small increase. 60 cents per square foot. San Jose charges more.
- 2) ADA plots- Base on DMV placard. If no one applies with a placard, others may garden those plots for the current year and give it up in a year (February start) when someone applies.
- 3) Glenn suggests gardeners can add height above the regular height to any plot, but the wood and structure would be considered a gift to the Garden when that plot owner leaves the Garden.
- 4) Second plot options- August/September discussion. Avid gardeners may have ability to have multiple plots. Step one is to be allotted one plot in February. After all single allotments are made, a person could be given a second (or third) plot in March based on availability. They would give up a plot in the next year if we have people on the wait list. There would be a lottery system, like drawing a plot number out of a hat, to determine the extra plot number which may not be right next to the original plot. In the next year if there is a big need for plots, people with multiple plots will need to give up the extra plots. (John's wording to be added to Policies).
- 5) Management of two gardens. (two sets of work days, double insurance, double water bill, etc.) We have to check to see if our tax documents allow our nonprofit to have two tax-free sites.
- 6) Scholarship- Mary suggests that Scholarship status should not prevent a gardener from having an extra plot. They can pay the additional plot amount. No cap is needed on the number of scholarship plots. We can raise the scholarship registration cost the next year if needed.
- 7) We want good soil right away at the new site. Glenn commented on his good soil at the current site. We discussed options for hauling some of our soil over to the new site, and ways to get the soil there when some gardeners may not be able to do that heavy work.
- 8) Glenn has made new changes to new registration documents for 2020 which we will review.
- 9) Keeping sites well-maintained at two sites will be a challenge. Gardeners who wish to stay at the old site temporarily might have to consider additional maintenance duties.

B. Agenda Items for August

Mary Kellogg, Discussion

Unfinished business: Security at new garden report, Aug/Sept continued discussion of new garden/ plot allocation etc., Policies, bylaws, fee changes for 2020, Maintenance and insurance for two sites, Transition to the new site, Glenn will look at the legal documents he submits each year to see if there is anything about two sites, like having two plots of land we pay no taxes on.

VII. Adjournment

8:35 John Jenkins, Action Item

Board meetings: Aug 27, Sep 17, Oct 22. (7:30 pm) Nov. 12 (election, potluck 6:30)

Final work days: 6:30-8:30 pm- Aug 15, Sep 19