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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes
Tues., April 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	Kay Meyer	Board Member 2020

- I. Call Meeting To Order 7:30 John Jenkins, President
- II. Adopt Agenda and Approve March 2019 Minutes John Jenkins, President, Action Item
Glenn made a motion to approve both. Second by Joe. Passed unanimously.
- III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Information Item
None- and nothing in suggestion box
- IV. Reports
 - A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Info Item
Balance at last meeting \$14,807.14
Expenditures: water bill \$451.53, Facilities supplies \$19.61, Garden refund \$37.50
Receipts: registration fees \$187.50
Net Gain: \$78.76
Ending Balance as of April 23 \$14,886.00
Motion to accept report by Mary M . Second by Kay. Approved unanimously.
 - B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item
Several notes have been left for gardeners regarding items left in pathways. The Oversight Committee will meet in early May to tour the garden. We have about 8-10 plots that need to be cleared of winter plants, but gardeners have been showing up in the last couple of weeks. It was suggested that the Oversight Committee communicate to gardeners about benches being returned to the shade structure area, keeping all items out of the pathways, cutting back plants overgrowing the plot boundary edge, and suggestions to use Final Shot or BurnOut to get rid of bindweed.
Motion to accept report by Glenn. Second by Kay. Approved unanimously.
 - C. Work Day Committee Kay Meyer, Information Item
Eleven people came to the April work day. Joe fixed the sprinkler control wire that was broken (wouldn't be shutting down over night) Wood chips were added in the pollinator garden and shade structure area. Weeding is needed outside of the garden. (John added that he did that.) We need to mow weeds where the compost goes. May 11 is the next work day/ social event.)
Motion to accept report by Joe . Second by Mary K. Approved unanimously.

D. Garden Relocation Committee

John Jenkins, Info/Discussion

John has more information this month. Tony contacted contractors. Phase 1 is trenching, digging, and water lines. It has to be done by June 19. By end of July all work will be done. There is a shortage of contractors. Some won't take government work, and others are asking for a premium amount. There will be 2 sheds. Costs at this time: \$179,612 site clearing, grubbing, design \$36,000, \$500 pollinator garden plants, \$700 site sign (must have OSA on sign), planter beds up to \$30,000 includes lumber and hardware. (maybe minus \$10,000 because of shed costs) Wood lengths are 10' or 20'. Buyer at Ace gave us a good price, but it is still very expensive for redwood. 1 bed in redwood is \$219. Pressure treated wood is 61% cheaper. Glenn commented that redwood would be more organic. John suggests we aren't an organic farm or certified organic. Mary M suggests that if a gardener wants to upgrade to redwood they could pay for the more expensive materials. Joe asked about plot height of 8" and 23". We are currently doing 12". (The old garden started with 6" height, but the newer plots are 8".) UC Master Gardener programs had an article about using pretreated materials because the old wood with toxic materials is no longer being produced. For soil Tony will talk the the City engineering department. Perhaps pool excavation companies would have soil that could be delivered and used for our plots. Compost is free. John suggests getting started right away composting cover crop. Fencing is in the plan. The first items to go in are the sheds on a pad or gravel base. We will discuss the wood options at the next meeting. Perhaps Ace can get publicity and we can get a discount with our large purchase and how close Ace is to the garden. Cinder blocks might be another option to explore. Another option for soil could perhaps be a load from u-Save Rockery which is also nearby the new garden. Mary M suggests having a meeting advertised for gardener input regarding: selection of wood - redwood, pressure treated, cinder block, updates on relocation move, and any who have ideas can attend to make comments.

Motion to accept report by Glenn. Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. 2019 Registration

Glenn Lattig, Information Item

2 packets today- Chamberlain, Pizano. It was added that all persons who were on the wait list have been placed, but not all have replied and/or returned registration documents. There are still approximately five beds available.

B. Wait List (already discussed above)

Mary Kellogg, Discussion Item

C. Compost/Mulch

John Jenkins, Information Item

Charge for truck delivery for compost is up to \$100. Rent a utility trailer \$40 for 4 hours. We can use Recology compost that can be dropped off by the City. May 11 compost give-away is at the tennis courts. Tony can deliver compost from the City.

D. Weed/Pest Control

John Jenkins, Discussion Item

Glenn has tested products to kill bindweed. There are 3 formulations: Ortho ground-clear, Burn-out, and one more at Home depot- Final Shot. All are certified organic. Glenn tried it on a pathway and the grass is yellow, but not died out. Plants in the cracks in the sidewalk are dead. Glenn thinks you have to repeat it every couple of weeks and do it several times to eradicate it completely. Glenn suggests buying a gallon of Ortho Ground Clear, maybe at Ace. We will buy some and use it in the pathways. Kay suggests doing it on a hot day to be more effective. Costco has a \$32.00 gallon of Burn Out with a concentrate package to make 2 more gallons. Joe put rocks in the ground squirrel holes.

VI. New Business

A. May 11 Social Event

Mary M, Discussion

9 am work day- to noon, doughnuts, coffee, tea, fruit tray, forks, paper plates, muffins at NH. She will put a notice on FaceBook, and Kay will put up the sign. There will be Pat's class, the social and work day, and a question/answer time about new garden plans with plans posted.

B. Agenda items for April

Mary Kellogg

wood selection for new garden plots, presentation on new site

VII. Adjournment

8:40 John Jenkins, Action Item

Next Board meeting: May 28 , 7:30 pm at the CCC

Future Meetings: 7:30 June 25, July 23, Aug 17, Sept 17, Oct 22. Nov. 12 (6:30 potluck/election)

Future Work Days: Sat. May and June 8, 9-noon . Thur 6:30-8:30 PM on July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19