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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Tues., October 23, 2018 7:30 PM
17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room

Board Members:

Pat Day	President 2019	Mary Mansson	Board Member 2019
John Jenkins	Vice-President 2019	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2019
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 Pat Day, President
- II. Adopt Agenda Pat Day, President, Action Item
Motion to accept by Mary M, second by Kay. Approved unanimously.
- III. Approve August 2018 Minutes Mary Kellogg, Secretary, Action Item
Motion to accept by Glenn, second by John. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Hearing of Membership Membership Information Item
None

- V. Reports
 - A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Action Item
Balance as of October 28, 2018 \$12, 168.59
Expenses: Check to Mary Kellogg for copies \$12.73 Go Daddy \$239.76
 water Sept \$165.48 and October \$127.64 Total: \$545.21
Currant Balance: \$11,623.38
Note: The water expense is \$24.68 over budget now and we still have more months to pay. We did not use the \$750.00 allotted for a porta-potty this year, so the amount should be covered in the budget.
Motion to accept by Joe, second by Kay. Approved unanimously.

 - B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information

The garden is in transition at this time. It looks like some gardeners are removing summer plants and starting to work on their winter gardens. It also looks like some plots are being given up.

The mulch pile on Butterfield Boulevard is covered with bindweed which is making it difficult for the plots on that end of the garden to keep their plots free of bindweed. We will discuss bindweed later in the agenda. There are two plots with bindweed far away from that location- plots 14 and 19.

The Oversight Committee will meet next month and contact gardeners who still seem to have summer plants that need removing and replacing. We will need to know which plots have notified the MHCG that they will not be returning. (70, 25 not returning)

Jenny Redfern wants smaller plot. 5 people are on the list for larger plot. (goes back to March 2017)

Daniel Armendariz commented that plot 5 has a vine growing over the back fence. We will prepare a notice to this gardener to keep plants within plot, even on the fence side, and no use no non-organic chemicals. This will be the last notice regarding infractions. No further violations will be allowed or this gardener will be evicted from garden. We will offer to have this gardener ask Mary K if she has questions.

Fixing raised beds. (Gardeners with plots that need repair can get help from Daniel, John, and Joe with the plot owner present due to the safety issue with damaged boards and support rods.) We will notify those gardeners to be in attendance. Some plants may be damaged during the repair process. The work should be done by November or December. The Oversight Committee will find the top 5 first plots in need of repair and we will start with those.

A comment was made that a gardener on the VTA fence side was using non-organic Miracle Gro soil.

Motion made by Glenn, second by Joe. Passed unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Information Item

19 people attended that work day on October 21. They weeded, and moved wood chips. Bindweed was found throughout the mulch pile and into the ground. The roots were pulled out. A previous work day there was a snake reported in that pile. Cindy Day would like some pollinator garden plants removed at a work day. If gardeners are lacking in work days, they will not be reregistered for 2019. No work days- plot 53 and 66- new gardeners, and 371. Kay will email list of people who need work days to Mary K. John and Joe volunteered to train people to pull bindweed. If they want to complete work days by Dec 31, they can contact Kay. Mary K will help send out emails.

Motion to accept by Mary K, second by Glenn. Approved unanimously.

D. Education Committee

Sherrie Wren, Information Item

No report

E. Garden Relocation Committee

John Jenkins, Information

A meeting was scheduled on Sept. 5 with Tony Eulo and Leslie Miles to be briefed on the design plans for the new garden and to get our input. Joe Elliott, Kaye Meyer, and John Jenkins of the relocation committee attended. Three attachments outline what we discussed. To date, there is no source of PG&E electricity on the site. We could get solar powered spot lighting and will have to use generators for plug in power tools. City water is not a problem. We opted for one water bib to be located to water every four beds (4' by 25' each bed) and also at key spots where water will be needed. We decided on pressure treated wood for the raised beds. It is now treated with safer chemicals than in the past. Could be cut to lengths 4' and 25'.

The site is compacted now. It will be cross-ripped to break up the top 18 inches. Gophers and ground squirrels could be a problem. Leslie will ask that stainless steel wire mesh be placed on the bottom of each raised bed. We told them no fruit trees since maintenance of the trees such as yearly pruning would be too much for our volunteer group. Going with small stature native trees instead. The City will dig the tree holes but our garden volunteers need to plant them. Should be 5 or 15 gallon size trees. Not too difficult to plant. The City will install irrigation equipment.

There will be a compost toilet on the northwest side of the property. A toilet plumbed into the City sewage system would be cost prohibitive. The compost toilet would be similar to the one Open Space Authority installed at Coyote Valley park. Many are in use at golf courses. Tony is working to see if the City will do the maintenance of removing the compost. We would be responsible for cleaning the interior. I have attached some detailed info on the type of toilet they plan to install. Hand sanitizer will be available.

A chain link type of fence will be set back into the parking area with a gate that opens up wide enough to allow cars to enter. A wood type of fence will be installed on the northwest side to allow walkin entry with a locking gate.

Additional information- Finding contractors is difficult now. Glenn says pressure treated lumber is not organic. The work is going out to bid. Pat is concerned that the Board has not been approached for approval on aspects of the new Garden decisions. Kay reminded that the OSA grant has a bathroom included. We will request an automatic shut off for the sink. Pat thinks we can't take on more maintenance. John will find out from the City when it is going out to bid.

F. Suggestion Box Comments Pat Day, Information
None

VI. Old Business

A. Wait List Pat Day, Information Item
9 total on list- 5 for larger plot, 1 for smaller plot. Plots soon available: 25, 49, 57, 70

B. Website Shauna Rios, Information Item
No report

C. Bylaws Revision- Elections Pat Day, Action Item
November 13 meeting- We will present the slate of officers and they will vote in favor or opposed by a show of hands. Pat will email the slate of officers to be voted on by a show of hands, and explain that everyone is running unopposed.

D. Election/Potluck Planning Pat Day, Discussion Item
6:30 potluck Mary M will make sure we have plates/cups/utensils.
7:05 Voting and Communication about new policies by Glenn since Pat will be away.
7:15 Presentation (if architect is available) or by John.
Send agenda to Shauna ASAP to post. Post potluck info on gate ASAP

~~E. New Composting Plan John Jenkins, Discussion Item~~ tabled

VII. New Business

A. Registration- 2019 Requirements Glenn Lattigg, Action Item
Potluck- notice to gardeners about new policies and forms and an email also to explain. The information will also be posted. (October Social was cancelled by Board emails.)

~~B. Bindweed Control~~ Pat Day, Action Item
Item was handled at the last work day.

VIII. Adjournment 9:03 Pat Day, Action Item

Next Potluck/Election Board meeting: November 13, 2018 6:30 pm at the CCC