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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes **Tues., Mar. 27, 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	AB- Jiangyun Ouyang	Board Member 2020
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2020	Kay Meyer	Board Member 2020

I. Call Meeting To Order 7:32 Pat Day, President
 II. Adopt Agenda Pat Day, President, Action Item
 Motion to accept the agenda by Joe, Second by Glenn. Approved Unanimously.

III. Approve February 2018 Minutes Mary Kellogg, Secretary, Action Item
 Motion to approve minutes by MaryM, Second by Kay. Approved Unanimously.

IV. Hearing of Membership Membership Information Item
 Any garden member may address the Board when recognized by the Chair. The Board members or other audience members may not engage in conversation or dialog with the membership speaker. A member may say they will wait to talk on a specific agenda item until that item comes up on the agenda and be so noted by the Chair.

1) Sue Villanueva reminded us of the plant sale Saturday, April 7, in our parking lot. Pat will send out a reminder to our gardeners. The flower club will be there on Friday from 3-6 pm on April 6 to set up. They will use the lock that is in the shed for their Porta-Potty. Saturday 7am is their set up time and 3pm is clean up if any garden members want to assist. This will NOT count as garden work days. Sue is here at the meeting to answer any questions. She has 15 tables and pop up canopies. They bring their own chairs.

V. Reports
 A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Action Item

Beginning Balance as of the meeting: \$14,448.03
 Receipts: \$96 PO Box, \$14. bounced check fee, \$61.76 water bill Total \$171.76
 Income: \$50 to cover a previous bounced check and a plot fee of \$75. Total \$125.00
 Net difference: \$46.76 out
 Ending Balance: \$14,401.27

There are two vacant plots are at this time: 45, 76

Motion to approve the report by John, Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item
 The Oversight Committee has not gotten together yet this year. We will tour the garden in April to see how gardeners are transitioning from winter to spring gardening. Four reminders went out to gardeners to place items within their plot boundaries and to not store items outside of their plots in the walkways.

Items left at the garden are from someone donating them to the Garden after their father passed away. We will keep what we need and give the others away.

John says gardeners don't know what to do with their cover crop. Mary will put a reminder sign on yard waste to cut all clippings to 6" only. Joe will mention it at the next work day.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Information Item

13 people turned up for the work day. Kay has the work day schedule alternating on Saturdays and Sundays. July and August will be in the evening because of the heat. Pat will send out Shauna's survey to get input from gardeners regarding work day activities and times. John suggests giving gardeners a list of work day options including other garden tasks. Kay is adding trash in and out, composting duties, pollinator garden options. A new load of wood chips was dumped recently. April 22, on Sunday, is the next work day from 9-11. Joe will be in charge and will check out gray fines for next to the front gate.

Work Days:

March 10th (Sat), April 22nd (Sun), May 19th (Sat), June 17th (Sun) 9-11AM

July 12th and August 16th (Thursday evenings) 6:30-8:30PM

September 15th (Sat), and October 21st (Sun) 9-11AM

Other credits for workdays are:

-taking garbage cans to the curbside and bring it back to the garden for 1 month will give you 2 workdays credit.

-turning the compost 3 times will give you 2 workdays credit

A motion was made to get gray finds and rent a tamper at the cost of no more than \$250. by Mary K, Second by Glenn. Approved unanimously.

If it costs more Joe will email board members for approval.

Kay will send out reminders to the gardeners who did not complete their work days on time last year to get the work done earlier this year.

D. Education Committee

Sherrie Wren, Information Item

What to Plant Now, and forwarded SCCMGs Tips & Events for March was sent and posted. A flyer was posted for the Spring Garden Market at MCP park on April 14. The one on the gate had to be removed due to rain. When the rain breaks I will post another SGM flyer on the gate. Updated the garden map and posted it on bulletin board. It may need another update and Bill will do that when I get the information about new gardeners in plots 1, 41, 45, 76.

E. Garden Relocation Committee

John Jenkins, Information

On March 8, I attended a short (one hour) meeting at City Hall with Tony Eulo and Lesley Miles (architect) to discuss the preliminary plans for the new garden. Tony confirmed that there are two city water lines available. They will likely use the one running along Railroad Ave. There will be 100 raised beds 4' wide by 20 or 25' long and 8" depth. City might purchase the wood at a better price for us. They are checking to see if the lumber can be precut to a desired length, that will determine the final length. The aisles between the beds will have enough room to fit a wheelbarrow. Tony wants aisles with compacted decomposed granite (gray fines) as the budget allows for wheelchairs and people with limited mobility on about 10 plots. There will be some wide central pathways for movement of groups and larger equipment. The plan is to have a classroom area. There is an area for a children's garden and they would like to have a mushroom play area for Morgan Hill. How we get electricity is still up in the air. Best bet is solar with a small battery pack for electrical storage. Lesley has an idea about this. To have

fruit trees or not still needs to be decided because of the care needed for pruning, etc. We would be responsible for their pruning and maintenance. There is a multi crop area, perhaps pumpkins for a fundraiser. A sink is planned somewhere near the shaded meeting area for gardener hand cleaning. The gray water cannot simply drain into the ground. Tony said that there are some rules he has to check on. The goal is to avoid putting in an expensive sewage line. I did find out that the City did win the grant for connecting the downtown to the new garden location via the Butterfield bike path. There are 31 parking spots and 100 plots. Pat wants to know when we give feedback. The architect will come to one of our meetings. There was a concern about who manages and maintains the extra group areas. Another concern was that we may need more than 100 plots. Kay suggests we could go back to OSA for more money for another year.

F. Suggestion Box Comments
No additions were in the box.

Pat Day, Information

VII. Old Business

A. Wait List

Pat Day, Information Item

There are 14 on the wait list with 2 empty beds.

B. Website

Shauna Rios, Information Item

No report. Additional information from John: There was a message from a freshman at Sobrato in the Ag dept who wants to do a video on our garden this spring to perhaps be placed on YouTube. Sue V suggests that the project is a supervised project at school. John and Sue V will work with him. A gardener from New York toured our garden and others in the area.

VIII. New Business

A. Spring Potluck

Mary Mannson, Action Item

Mary suggests the date be Saturday, June 23, 4-6 pm. She wants us to provide tables and chairs this year. Mary M. will work on the invitation. John suggests we should have food at the work days for the gardeners and Mary M suggested that we could get juice at Trader Joe's.

B. 2019 Policy Revision

Glenn Lattigg, Discussion Item

Glenn is suggesting the following registration changes for next year:

5. Annually returning gardeners in good standing must complete two forms to register for the new year: the Garden Registration and Waiver Form (year), and the Gardener's Agreement (year), and pay their annual gardening fee. These forms must be filled out completely: name, address, phone number, and email address. Each gardener who intends to garden the plot must sign both the Garden Registration and Waiver form and the Gardener's Agreement form. Registration packages missing forms and/or signatures will be returned. Registration packages must be sent to the Garden's post office box and must be postmarked by the registration deadline of January 31st. For those gardeners who fail to meet the registration deadline, a 10-day late period will be available. However, a X % late fee will apply. DO NOT LEAVE REGISTRATION PACKAGES IN THE GARDEN. There is minimal security there and the Garden cannot be responsible for missing/lost/

damaged registration packages. Only those returning gardeners who have moved must submit a verification of residence with these forms; all others check the block indicating you reside at the same address. However, you are still required to fill out the forms in their entirety. In the event that registration materials are not turned in on time, the plot will be offered to the next individual on the Waiting List. ~~section VI, "violation of Garden Policies" may be enacted.~~

Glenn suggests the above or pattern it after the City of San Jose Garden.

Kay offered to take our new policy to her lawyer. This discussion will continue at another meeting.

C. Ballot Discussion

Pat Day, Discussion Item

This item was tabled until next month.

D. Minutes Procedure

Pat Day, Discussion Item

The Board discussed if we wanted a regular additional task between meetings of reviewing, commenting, and approving the monthly minutes and decided to continue to approve minutes at the next scheduled regular meetings.

IX. Adjournment

9:03 Pat Day, Action Item

Next Board meeting: April 24, 7:30 pm at the CCC

Items to include: Registration procedures for 2019, ballot discussion, Spring Potluck