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**Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes**  
**15690 Railroad Avenue, Morgan Hill**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

Board Members:

John Jenkins	President 2021	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2021
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2021	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2022
Linda Sears	Treasurer 2022	Allen Palmer	Board Member 2022
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2022		

I. Call Meeting To Order- 10:33 am John Jenkins, President

II. Adopt Agenda and Minutes John Jenkins  
Mary M. made a motion to adopt the agenda, second by Allen. Approved.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership  
Don Haslam wants to put the lack of beds and limiting gardeners to two beds on the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Reports  
A. Financial Report Linda Sears

-A full report will be presented later. A short review is provided at this meeting since our previous meeting was just a couple of weeks ago. Updates: \$15.00 income prorated for plot registration plot 8, Salvador Salazar pest abatement \$320.00 for August and September, liability insurance payment \$116.58, building supplies \$26.13 debit at Johnson Lumber.

-\$1800 for the cost of the gazebo was not budgeted for. John paid for it out of his own money. The Board wants to reimburse him for the cost. It was suggested we could do \$900 at the end of 2021 and 2022. At the end of Jan 31 we will still have \$2000 and another proposal was to pay John back now and after registration money is in the account in January. Allen questioned why wait since our account has about \$12,000 now.

Allen made a motion to reimburse John now, with a second by Joe. Approved.

-John wanted a recap of water costs from Linda. It was budgeted for \$260 per month before, but we might go over in water costs in the budget for the year. We have other money areas to cover that for now. Allen thought we should increase the plot cost to \$.80 per square foot since we have exceeded our budgeted amount in some areas. All costs have gone up, including the water cost. The amount we could bring in could be about \$500 which could cover some of the rising costs, but would not be enough to fund garden expansion.

-Total cash assets: \$11,518.83. (Last year is was \$11,944.00 at this time of the year.)

Motion to approve the report by Joe, with a second by Mary M. Approved.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg

Many gardeners are clearing out their summer plants and getting ready for winter crops and/or cover crop. It has been a difficult year with the Coronavirus interruption in our lives, but the Oversight Committee will now plan to meet monthly in 2021 to ensure garden policies are being adhered to. The committee will work to make sure plants are kept within the plot boundary, plants are not too high to block the sunlight to other plots, enforce that all pathways are clear of any items, as well as any other bylaws or policies issues that arise or brought to our attention by other garden members. Motion to approve by Joe, second by Allen. Approved.

All gardeners have completed their work hours except one who has not replied or completed any work hours. 2021 work days schedule not publicized yet. Work can be done now for next year, like spreading wood chips. Kay will email out work to be done and how to get credit for that work time. Motion to approve by Linda, and second by Joe. Approved.

D. Garden Planning Report. John Jenkins, Info Item

Pollinator garden: I am still waiting for the young woman, Trinity, in the Eagle Scout program to meet with me again about her project. Thanks to Pat for getting us in contact with her. Twenty two native plants have been purchased using the OSA grant money. The City also donated a small number of plants. We now have enough weed fabric to cover the 3,000 sq. feet. She will cover the area with fabric, cut the holes for the plants, and plant the plants. The City will do the drip irrigation system. John will see what else we need to do. (It's possible that Ron Lee can get a 5 yard dump truck river rock if there is some left from a job site he is aware of. )

Children's Garden: During building of the gazebo, it was discovered that the footings were out of position enough that the gazebo posts would not fit. My measuring mistake. The easiest, best fix was to have a concrete slab poured, 14' x 14' that will also allow for wheel chair access on the ADA side. Mike Cox's cement drill was used to install bolts paid for by Leadership Morgan Hill. It should work out better anyway in the long run. The City approved this change. The contractor's helpers will return to work erecting the gazebo on Oct. 30.

The Leadership MH work is almost done, just a bird bath and teepee for the kids to be done.

Leadership MH Class of 2020 announced the ribbon cutting for this project on Friday, Nov. 13 at 1:30PM. I have attached their announcement. They will carpool because of limited parking and they can only have a limited number of people so they need an RSVP. Mike Cox helped out and supplied materials and a \$5000 grinder. Leadership MH will put up a plaque recognizing helpers.

Future projects:

When we finally get our new MHCG sign from the City, we may need help installing it.

Future work day options: Someone can take on the job now of installing the painted plot numbers located in the Tool Shed. I will put wood screws next to them. A portable drill would be handy for this job. (Allen volunteered to do this.)

We also got contacted by Helen Lessick, the artist who designed and made the steel works of art that was installed on the east sides of the sheds. She wrote me that the way they are installed is not acceptable. Next best thing she suggested is to try to reinstall them on the eaves of the sheds. I am working on that.

(Allen made a motions to take the Art down and return the Art if desired, Joe second.

Approved. )

Rodent control ends next month.

(Daniel A. asked if we have two plots to build. He would like wood and templates screws to raise up two more ADA plots. If it could be cut, Daniel will put them together. John noted that two people are needed to do the building. Allen asks about where the water is for expansion. The City will not accept that cost. Irrigation, digging, and trenching would be needed to expand the garden and it would be our cost. We have spigots.)

(Ron Lee asked about the possibility of having a beehive. There is no plan to have a bee hive yet. There are possible insurance problems with a bee hive. It is legal with the City, but may be an insurance issue. We could look into it for next year possibly. Ron would volunteer to maintain it if insurance covers it. Don Haslam would volunteer to help out. Linda will send Mary M. the contact info for insurance and Mary M will make the call.)

(Manure is needed. John will get more. Ron can get more good manure for free. We have to pay for top soil, but we have that.)

(Daniel A. asked if we can build 5 new beds instead of 2. John replied that a grant is needed to pay for the wood, trenching, etc. We need a budgetary for cost and we do not have funds for building more beds at this time.)

Motion to approve the report by Joe, with a second by Mary M. Approved.

V. Unfinished Business  
No unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. November Election Planning

John Jenkins

The ballot and candidate statements were presented by Mary Kellogg.

She will send out the ballot and the candidate statements to the gardeners by email.

There will be no Election event this year, like our usual potluck dinner. Allen suggests the gardeners have several options: 1) Reply with candidate choices by email, 2) drop off their printed ballot in suggestion box for secret ballot, and 3) vote at the November 14 meeting for secret vote. A few copies can be left in bulletin board for those who don't have printers or who don't use email.

Registration info will go out in December and will be due January 31st.

VII. Adjournment

11:34 John Jenkins

Future Meetings:

Saturday, November 14 10:30 am. Election with no business meeting and no social event this year.

January 26, Tuesday evening 7 pm. (depending on COVID status)-

First business meeting for the year. Some proposed agenda items are limiting members to two beds, and garden expansion.