

Friends of Mt. Rubidoux

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NEWSLETTER
#148, May 3, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Mt. Rubidoux strive:

- to restore, preserve, and beautify Mt. Rubidoux Park
- to enhance knowledge of the rich history of Mt. Rubidoux Park
- to foster enjoyment by visitors to Mt. Rubidoux Park

MEETING INFORMATION

2020 Meetings ~~5/21~~, 11/19
Time, Location 6 p.m., City Hall, 3900 Main St., 5th Floor
Parking in lot at 10th Street, between Market & Main

Friends,

Oh how different our world is since we last met as the Friends of Mt. Rubidoux last November. Not often do we see ourselves so confined to our homes as well as limited in our choices of recreation including enjoyment of Mt. Rubidoux.

Obviously, due to Covid-19 our May meeting is cancelled. We indeed hope conditions will be so improved by November that our General Meeting on the 19th can be held. We will keep you informed.

Please take care of yourselves and don't forget your FMR!
Chuck

Minutes for November 21, 2019

WELCOME: President Chuck Beaty called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed everyone to Friends of Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park. Self-introductions were done. Twenty-five members and guests signed in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 16, 2019 meeting minutes (Newsletter #147) were approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

John Farley, Principal Engineer, Mission Inn Booster Station project; follow at <http://RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Projects>
Adolfo Cruz, City Park & Recreation Director, and **Kyle Rafael**, Park Superintendent, (1) department staffing – “reloading” team; (2) install of new FMR plaque and bench, replacement sign at 9th Street Park entrance, repair of road cracks; (3) on-going evaluation re: Park Rangers; progress of Public Safety and Engagement Team 7 days/week; (4) scooter updates.
Josaline Cuesta, City Neighborhood Engagement Team, provided handouts on Small Sparks grants, outdoor movie night.
Adan Morales, founder Baboon Outdoors, Park clean-up, rock climbing; appreciates City is willing to discuss options.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Reports:

Andrea Lossing - Treasurer's reports 2/28/19 through 9/30/19 were approved. Copies were circulated.
Kathy Schulz – FMR's website is fine; Evergreen Cemetery fundraising earnings and upcoming plans were reviewed.
Katie Wider – FMR's team raised \$1,500 for the 6/1-6/2 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.
Nancy Cox – Memberships and donations are welcome.
Glenn Wenzel – No elementary school lessons scheduled at this time. Riverside Historical Society meetings were reviewed.
Jeff Sierra – Reported on condition of kiosks in Mt. Rubidoux Park and on activities around the 9th Street Park entrance.
Chuck Beaty – reported on Rivers and Lands Conservancy's repairs of steps below Serra Cross.

Contributor Reports: Chuck thanked Mollie Young for providing refreshments that were appreciated by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Beaty circulated a picture of the new FMR plaque that has been installed. New bench installation to follow.
Kathy Schulz described Wreaths Across America and how to sponsor for veterans in Evergreen Cemetery.
Chuck reviewed 2020 FMR General meetings are scheduled for 5/21 and 11/19, 6 p.m., 5th floor conference room, City Hall.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Members are Welcome

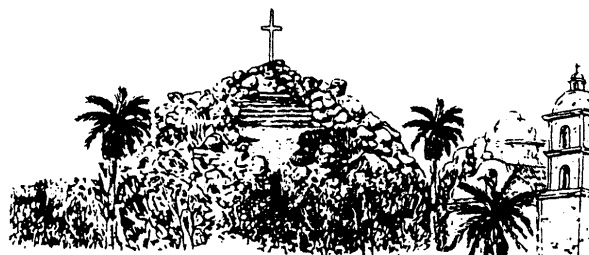
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Recent projects thanks to LOTS of planning and participants: Runoff and erosion control; also creates firebreaks.



Along the road, gabions replace higher-upkeep straw bales - shown below. These mitigate runoff into neighbors' yards and homes.



New FMR bench and plaque; replaced missing welcome sign at 9th Street entrance.



ONGOING:



Flag upkeep



Graffiti removal

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

- Re-open Mt. Rubidoux Park
- Resume FMR's Elementary School Classes
- Fix cracks and bumps in the road
- Meet Friends of Mt. Rubidoux in November



We HOPE to see you at 6 p.m. on NOVEMBER 19, 2020 at City Hall, 5th Floor Conference Room

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