

FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX e-mail NEWSLETTER ... #137, 11/06/17

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

2017 Meetings	11/16
2018 Meetings	1/18, 3/15, 5/17, 7/19, 9/20, 11/15
Time, Location	6 p.m., City Hall, 3900 Main St., 5 th Floor
Parking	in lot at 10 th Street, between Market & Main

Minutes of the September 21, 2017 Friends of Mt. Rubidoux Meeting

WELCOME: Secretary Katie Wider called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending the meeting of Friends of Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park. Twenty-three members and guests signed in. Self-introductions were done. President for Life - George Flower - was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the July 20, 2017 meeting (Newsletter 136) were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Andrea Lossing was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Reports will be reviewed at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission Presentation

At the invitation of FMR President George Flower, three representatives from the Community Police Review Commission presented a review of the history, purpose, organization and duties of CPRC. Volunteer Commissioners Jane Adams (Chairperson of CPRC) and Robin Jackson, along with Manager Frank Hauptmann represented CPRC which was established in April, 2000 as an outcome from the Tyisha Miller shooting death in 1998. CPRC's purpose is "Promoting public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of the sworn staff of the Riverside Police Department." The Commission "serves as a bridge between Riverside's Community and Police." Duties include conducting public outreach to grow citizen awareness of the Commission's service. Last year, Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz asked CPRC to make presentations at all RPD roll calls. CPRC brochures in English and Spanish were distributed at FMR's meeting and are available at Community Centers. Meetings are televised. CRPC can attend Community events and host a booth to distribute information. Information (including a video about CRPC) is available at RiversideCA.gov/CPRC. Representatives distributed a CPRC Survey and encouraged FMR members to complete it and fax it to them for on-going improvement of community outreach. The presentation was appreciated and well received. (2) Provident Bank: The Bank's Community Partnership dividend check to FMR for \$567.94 has been deposited and will be reflected in the Treasurer's next reports.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Mt. Rubidoux Off Trail Use: Alisa Sramala, City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, Community Services, talked about the "Open Air Workshop" event on Mt. Rubidoux, Saturday 10/7/17, for which volunteers are being sought. The workshop's purpose is to learn about visitors' trail use, what they enjoy, and to inform about Parks' management of trails to prevent tramping down of vegetation and to minimize erosion. The workshop hopes to encourage visitors to use the paved trail (road) and the switchbacks. Alisa distributed Volunteer Information explaining two "shifts" / sessions, times, where to meet, and a draft of the "Survey." A sign-up sheet was circulated for FMR members. Alisa encouraged members (when visiting Mt. Rubidoux) to notice where the switchbacks are and where off-trail use occurs to provide comments / suggestions to her. (2) Book & Story Person: FMR

Librarian Glenn Wenzel advised that none of FMR's references has been checked out in the past two years. He asked if he could consult with Ruth McCormick, Local History Specialist, to evaluate turning FMR's materials over for the Local History Section downstairs at the City's Main (downtown) Library. The suggestion was well received and will be conveyed to George Flower. Glenn advised he'll meet with Ruth and have an update for the November meeting. Glenn also advised that the next meeting of the Riverside Historical Society will be October 1, 2017 at the Riverside Medical Clinic. Glenn's presentation in October is titled "Excursion Trains Through the Orange Groves." He said the December presentation will focus on William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody & California. Lunch is available at these meetings. (3) Education: Glenn reported that requests for class presentations and Mt. Rubidoux tours should start picking up now that the school year has started. (4) Calendar: FMR's 2018 Calendars are available for sale at the Mission Inn Museum Gift shop (thanks to Chuck Beaty), on ebay and on Next Door / Twitter (thanks to Jeff Sierra), linked to FMR's Facebook (thanks to RC Morton), and through Friends of Mt. Rubidoux individual sales and purchases. (5) Website: A new website is being developed; content of the current (original) website is being preserved; and use of FMR's Facebook will be depended on to communicate more timely news. More updates at the November meeting. (6) Facebook: RC Morton reported 586 users. (7) Relay for Life: Joan Letbetter thanked FMR's team for raising \$1,600 to fight cancer. She brought two "acknowledgements" - one for FMR's Team, and one for Sally & Chuck Beaty for their generous support. (8) Mission Inn Float - Tournament of Roses Parade January, 2018: George Flower, Jeff Sierra and Chuck Beaty attended a press conference yesterday at the Mission Inn announcing the 2018 Rose Parade Float Celebrating Festival of Lights - supported in part by a contribution from Friends of Mt. Rubidoux. The float design was revealed at the event.

PRESIDENT'S MINUTES: (1) EMH Cemetery: Nancy Cox reported that the Front Row Fireworks netted \$16,000 benefitting Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery upkeep. Also, the Lantern Tour fundraiser scheduled for October 6 (under a full moon) is sold out. (2) Clean-up at the Top: No update on a joint project with FMR and Rivers & Lands Conservancy.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Homemade cookies were enjoyed by all.

We hope to see you at 6 p.m. on November 16, 2017 at City Hall, 5th Floor Conference Room

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Yearly Dues: \$5 / Individual, \$10 / family (can be mailed to address below.)

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