

FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX e-mail NEWSLETTER ... #138, 01/10/18

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

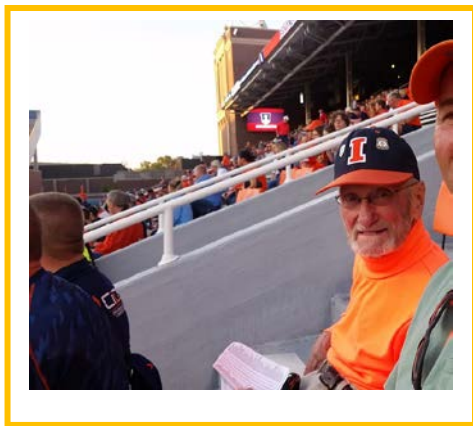
2018 Meetings 1/18, 3/15, 5/17, 7/19, 9/20, 11/15
Time, Location 6 p.m., City Hall, 3900 Main St., 5th Floor
Parking in lot at 10th Street, between Market & Main

Dear Friends of Mt. Rubidoux,

George Flower, FMR President for Life, passed away on December 11, 2017 at 91 years young. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Clubhouse, 2979 Dexter Drive in Fairmount Park (across from the "Tank.") We hope you can attend to help Celebrate George's life and service.

Earlier in 2017, George had to postpone traveling to his beloved Illinois because he wasn't well enough to go. But in August, a friend accompanied George to the place that he and Clarice adored - their farm in Blandinsville, and George got to a Fighting Illini college football game which they won 20-7!!!

George's fans are so thankful that he made it back to his other "home" and could savor once again the heaven that he and Clarice built and treasured there.



Thank you George.
It's been great.

Friends of Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park

Minutes of the November 16, 2017 Friends of Mt. Rubidoux Meeting

WELCOME: Chuck Beaty, FMR Co-Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Friends of Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park. Thirteen members signed in. George Flower, President for Life, was not feeling well; but the Board has re-grouped to help with George's duties. That included appointing two Co-VP's (Chuck and Kathy Schulz) and adding Board member Jeffrey Sierra.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the September 21, 2017 meeting (Newsletter 137) were approved. (Motion for approval by Glenn Wenzel; second by Kathy Schulz; motion carried.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Andrea Lossing reported a General Account beginning balance as of 6/30/17 of \$12,526.28. Total income was \$764.64 (interest, dues, Provident Community Partnership, and calendar sales.) Expenses were \$598.00 (donation to Riverside's Rose Parade Float and for postage.) Ending general account balance as of 7/31/17 was \$12,692.92. The Bench Account had a beginning balance on 5/31/17 of \$3,383.02; income of \$1.13 from interest; no expense; and an ending balance as of 7/31/17 of \$3,384.15.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Kudos: Chuck thanked everyone for their attendance, all who help with the meetings including Andrea, Katie, Glenn, Kathy, Nancy Cox, the bakers who bring treats, RC Morton, Carolyn Greywood who mails the Newsletter and others. (2) Book & Story Person: Librarian Glenn Wenzel advised that the Board approved transferring FMR's references to Ruth McCormick, local history specialist at the downtown City Library. There had been no "check outs" by FMR members for two years, and Ruth welcomed receiving the materials. (3) Website: Kathy Schulz reported on progress to replace the original website with a streamlined, less expensive website that will point to FMR's Facebook (well maintained by RC Morton), and to the Totally Mt. Rubidoux website. It will contain FMR's Newsletters, meeting and "contact us" information. (4) Facebook: RC was away; no update. (5) Education: Inns of the Court – Glenn was invited to speak on 10/25/17 to this group of approximately 60 lawyers and judges who meet monthly. Their October 25th meeting focused on freedom of religion, the history of Mt. Rubidoux's Serra cross, the recent challenge to it in regard to the establishment clause, and how the Totally Mt. Rubidoux addressed that. **Ina Arbuckle School** – On 12/8/17, Glenn will teach approximately 14 4th-6th graders on a tour of Mt. Rubidoux. Chuck and Katie will help. **Lake Hills Elementary School** – In March, 2018, FMR will once again provide an in-school PowerPoint class about Mt. Rubidoux, and also sponsor two busses to transport 2nd graders for a field trip to Mt. Rubidoux. (6) Calendar: Andrea and Katie, members of the Calendar Committee, discussed the benefits and costs of calendars produced over five years. Suggested themes / styles for future calendars were discussed. At the Board's recent meeting, they accepted the committee's recommendation to take next year off from producing a calendar. (7) Off Trail Use: The "open air workshop" concept proposed to FMR by Alisa Sramala (City Parks, Recreation & Community Services) to encourage visitors to use the paved trail or switchbacks and not go "off trail" is being re-formatted. FMR volunteers won't be needed at this time. (8) Top Clean Up: FMR's Board supported soliciting FMR volunteers for Clean-Up projects organized and conducted by Rivers & Lands Conservancy with adequate advance notice to post on FMR's Facebook and/or include in the Newsletter published six times yearly.

PRESIDENT'S MINUTES: (1) EMH Cemetery: Nancy and Kathy reported on fundraising events. Also, an anonymous donor pledged to match donations (between 2016 – 2019) up to \$500,000. They emphasized the urgency of building the Cemetery's endowment to prevent losing the beautification achieved over the pasts three years. (2) A Salute to Veterans Parade: is scheduled for 11/18/17. The City invited small businesses and community organizations to reserve viewing spots at no cost along the Parade route. (3) Flag & Pole Work: FMR received an e-mail concerned that the flag was missing on Mt. Rubidoux. City Parks Representative Julie Phillips advised that the mechanism for raising the flag had broken; was repaired, and the vendor volunteered to repaint the pole at no fee to the City. Allowing the paint to dry took an extra few days. The flag was re-installed quickly. (4) Boulder slide: Photos were shared of a large boulder that slid onto the paved trail. City workers needed several days to break it up. Walkers had to use other approaches than the 9th Street entrance from time to time while the demolition was in progress. (5) New Bench: Photos of a new bench facing West were distributed. (6) Rose Parade Float Volunteers: Andrea said spots for 4-hour shifts for "dry" decorating have filled up. Jeff Sierra talked about his family's experience volunteering in 2008 from 4 p.m. to midnight in 30 degrees and finishing with lots of glue and grass on their hands. (7) UCR Outdoor Excursion: An e-mail to FMR was referred to City of Riverside representatives because it requested permission to do a clean-up; a picnic, and then rock climbing / bouldering. The City offered regrets that rock climbing / bouldering is not an activity they authorize or encourage on Mt. Rubidoux. (8) Mission Inn Booster Station / Loring Park: City Council Member Mike Gardner's e-mail (9/21/17) was discussed. Nancy Cox advised that the booster station design went before the Cultural Heritage Board which requested changes to make it more appropriate to the area.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) FMR's Board of Directors: George Flower, President for Life; Kathy Schulz and Chuck Beaty, Co-Vice Presidents; Andrea Lossing, Treasurer; Katie Wider, Secretary; Nancy Cox, Glenn Wenzel, Jeffrey Sierra, Directors. (2) FMR Dues: Nancy Cox reminded that membership dues are due on January 1, 2018.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Homemade treats brought by Nancy Cox were enjoyed by all.

We hope to see you at 6 p.m. on January 18, 2018 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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