

FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX e-mail NEWSLETTER ... #139, 03/10/18

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	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 January 18, 2018 Friends of Mt. Rubidoux Meeting

WELCOME: Kathy Schulz, 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. Kathy encouraged all to attend the Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 21, 2018 for George Flower (FMR's President for Life) who passed away on December 11, 2017. A draft of the Program was circulated. The service will celebrate George's leadership of FMR since 1994, and for Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery since 2002, the 2012-2013 Totally Mt. Rubidoux campaign preserving the historic Serra Cross, and other contributions and passions of George Flower - including his corn and soybean farm in Illinois. Though George will be missed and often remembered, Kathy said he'd want us to celebrate FMR's accomplishments and not mourn his passing.

Self-introductions were done. First time attendees Dan Torres, Philip Falcone, and members not seen for a while, Keith Alex and Randy Robert were acknowledged. Twenty-three members and guests signed in. In 2017, Dan Torres designed a flyer for Mt. Rubidoux kiosks cautioning pet owners about how hot the asphalt (paved trail) is for pet's paws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the November 16, 2017 meeting (Newsletter 138) were approved. (Motion for approval by Nancy Cox; second by Randy Robert; motion carried.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Andrea Lossing reported a General Account beginning balance as of 7/31/17 of \$12,692.92. Total income was \$665.14 (interest and calendar sales.) Expenses were \$2,380.28 (CPA filing 2017 state & fed tax returns; Postage; Calendar printing; Web hosting.) Ending general account balance as of 11/30/17 was \$10,977.78. The Bench Account had a beginning balance on 7/31/17 of \$3,384.15; income of \$2.26 from interest; no expense; and an ending balance as of 11/30/17 of \$3,386.41. The Treasurer's reports were accepted as presented and copies were circulated for review. (Motion by Ron Velasquez, second by Jeff Sierra; motion carried.)

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Kudos: Kathy thanked Brenda and Mike Denholtz, Nancy Cox and Katie Wider for helping after George Flower passed away. Thanks to Carolyn Greywood for the Newsletter mailing and coordinating refreshments for meetings. (2) Book & Story Person: Glenn Wenzel re-homed FMR's library of books, videos, and other references to Ruth McCormick, local history specialist at the City's downtown library. Glenn said Ruth accepted the new resources "with joy" and anticipated they will be well used by kids doing research for school and others wanting to learn about Mt. Rubidoux. The transfer of references was authorized by FMR since no reference had been checked out for over two years. They'll be in a centralized spot known for local history reference material. (3) Website: Kathy Schulz has finished the new website and awaits feedback from Sid Llera (web manager for original site) to activate the new website. The annual fee will be decreased significantly. Kathy's design has been developed in coordination with FMR Board members to simplify and update website information and emphasize FMR's Facebook to convey timely information on-line. (4) Facebook: RC Morton reported 605 "likes", glacial growth. The Celebration of Life for George and a link to DANA (Downtown Area Neighborhood Association) have been added. (5) E-Mail: Keith Alex will work with Kathy Schulz to get "free" FMR e-mail. Keith has underwritten the cost since FMR's e-mail was added years ago. (6) Education: Glenn Wenzel led a group of 15 students and teachers from Ina Arbuckle Elementary School for a Mt. Rubidoux tour on December 8, 2017. Because it was a smaller group, the lesson was provided during the field trip. For large classes, a PowerPoint lesson is provided in school followed by a field trip chaperoned by teachers. Lake Hills Elementary School is scheduled for a lesson in March. (7) Riverside Historical Society: Glenn will present a program on "Excursion Trains Through the Orange Groves" at the Society's January 28, 12:30 p.m. meeting. All are welcome.

Attendees bring their own lunch. The location is the Basement Conference Room of Riverside Medical Clinic, 7117 Brockton Ave. (8) Calendar: Many of the 2018 calendars have been sold. Small supplies are still available.

PRESIDENT'S MINUTES: (1) EMH Cemetery: Nancy Cox said donations are especially important because an anonymous donor pledged to match donations (between 2016 – 2019) up to \$500,000. The endowment goal is \$3 million. Current endowment funds are approximately half of that plus EMHC has regular operating costs to maintain the cemetery. Stock market returns have been a blessing. If FMR members belong to another organization and would like to schedule a Cemetery tour, Nancy will make arrangements. Regarding the very popular Lantern Tour of last fall, discussions are in process to find a chairperson. (2) Rose Parade Float: Members commented on the fact the City's float was last in the Rose Parade as opposed to the order published before the parade. (3) Merchandise Sale: FMR tee shirts are available for \$3; Sweatshirts for \$7. Merchandise is being cleared out of George's home. Several people asked about note cards. The few packs remaining will be delivered. (4) Park Bench Request: An inquiry was received through FMR's e-mail about the process to have a memorial bench installed. These requests are referred to Julie Phillips, Administrative Analyst, City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept., via the City's 311 call center.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Rivers & Lands Conservancy Update: Katie Wider reported on recent updates from RLC – the non-profit owner / steward of Mt. Rubidoux Peak. RLC reported completion of repairs to the Serra Cross (from lightning damage and bee infestation) and an upcoming civil engineering survey to repair steps and minimize further erosion of the steps. A volunteer clean-up event will be scheduled soon. Friends of Mt. Rubidoux, RLC, and the Mission Inn Foundation representatives meet to discuss on-going management of the Peak property including the Serra Cross. (2) City of Riverside Parks Calendar: A copy of Parks' 2018 calendar was circulated for all to enjoy. It has photos of a number of the City's parks including Mt. Rubidoux.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: (1) Plaque / Memorial for George Flower: Ideas for memorializing George's FMR service were discussed. A sub-committee will draft ideas and present at an upcoming meeting. (2) Women's March Inland Empire: Will be held this Saturday morning in downtown Riverside. (3) FMR Membership: Dues are payable for 2018 membership as of January. If members paid last November, those dues will cover 2018. If unsure whether your membership is current, please contact Nancy Cox via mtrubidoux@aol.com.

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

We hope to see you at 6 p.m. on March 15, 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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