

FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX e-mail NEWSLETTER ... #140, 5/13/18

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	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

Friends,

As you know we lost our President-for-Life, George Flower, in December of 2017. We believe George would want us to carry on as the Friends of Mt. Rubidoux.

With our visitors reaching 5,000 on weekends, it is certainly important that Friends of Mt. Rubidoux continue to interface with and coordinate improvements with the Park, Recreation, and Community Service Department. We need your input and support by becoming members and attending our meetings every two months.

I look forward to seeing you on May 17th at 6:00 pm. at City Hall, 5th floor.

*Your new President,
Chuck Beaty*

Announcements

2018 FMR Membership: You are invited to complete the 2018 membership card (at the end of this Newsletter) and return it with your annual dues by mail, or bring to the May 17 FMR meeting. Thirty-four 2018 memberships have already been received. To check if your membership is current, please e-mail mtrubidoux@aol.com. Members receive six Newsletters annually, and your dues support this volunteer citizen group in projects to improve Mt. Rubidoux Park. Please provide your e-mail address to help FMR save time and costs. Thank you for your support!

FMR 15th Annual Relay for Life Team: It is time for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Riverside Relay for Life on June 9 & 10 at California School for the Deaf in Riverside. This is the 15th year Friends have sponsored a team. Come walk a lap or two or dedicate a luminaria to a loved one. Bring a \$10 check made payable to ACS to the May 17 FMR meeting or mail it to Joan Breeding Letbetter at 4058 Miramonte Place, 92501. Thank you for considering this important cause.

Neighborhood Outdoor Movie Night: Saturday, 5/19, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., CEDAR STREET between 11th & 12th Streets; bring your lawn chairs ... We are blocking off the street for seating. Join us for a fun family movie night showing Disney's The Princess and the Frog. Hosted by Downtown-South Neighborhood Watch; for more information contact us at denise@denisebooker.org. Event flyer is also posted on FMR's Facebook.

Minutes of the March 15, 2018 Friends of Mt. Rubidoux Meeting

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. Thirteen members and guests signed in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 18, 2018 meeting minutes (Newsletter 139) were approved. (Motion for approval by Ron Velasquez; second by Kathy Schulz; motion carried.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Andrea Lossing reported a General Account beginning balance as of 11/30/17 of \$10,977.78; Total Income: \$1,236.47 from Interest, Calendar sales, Dues, Donation, Tee and Sweatshirt sales, and memorial donations for George Flower. Total Expense: \$391.13 for FMR Website, Mailing postage and labels, and PO Box rental and keys. Ending balance as of 2/28/18 is \$11,823.12. FMR's Bench Account had a beginning balance of \$3,386.41; Total Income: \$263.76 from Interest (\$1.76), and several deposits that will be correctly transferred/posted to the General Account for dues, donations, calendar sales, and merchandise sales totaling \$262.00. (Motion for approval of the Treasurer's reports with corrections by Nancy Cox; second by Ron Velasquez; motion carried.) Andrea is organizing a meeting at Provident Bank with officers of FMR's Board to increase authorized signers for FMR's accounts.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Celebration of Life for George Flower: Glenn Wenzel, who officiated at the Celebration, thanked all who planned and participated at the service. It was a lovely gathering of George and Clarice's family and friends. Copies of the

Celebration program were available. A sympathy card from Rivers and Lands Conservancy (Partner in Totally Mt. Rubidoux campaign) with personal notes from RLC Staff was circulated for all to read. Glenn said he was surprised to learn that George was a lineman on the football team at University of Illinois. (2) Kudos: Chuck thanked many members for generous help to FMR, and to George Flower, as responsibilities were assumed that George had taken care of for decades. (3) Website: Kathy Schulz reported that FMR's new website is up and running. (4) Education: Glenn reported on recent planning with Castle View Elementary School; a recent meeting with Glenn, Chuck, Katie to help a UCR Student seeking Mt. Rubidoux information; and plans for 3/23/18 in-school PowerPoint presentation for 120 second-graders at Lake Hills Elementary School. (5) Board Meeting Outcomes: a summary of FMR's organization and task distribution was distributed to inform of who is serving in various roles from Board members, Membership chairs, meeting refreshments, Kiosk updating, Facebook postings, etc. (6) Merchandise Sale & Distribution: Progress in re-homing FMR's merchandise (from George's home to elsewhere) was reviewed. Sale prices are motivating buyers of shirts and notecards. (7) Kiosks: Repairs of vandalism to kiosk covers, and need to standardize keys post repairs were discussed. More coordination is planned with City Parks. Jeff Sierra posts FMR meeting announcements and other notices in Park kiosks.

PRESIDENT'S MINUTES: (1) EMH Cemetery: Kathy Schulz reported that July 4th Front Row Fireworks fundraiser is getting a larger area of responsibility to Bonaminio Park, more traffic control, and expanded resources from the City to meet these needs. Nancy Cox described a complimentary docent-guided Cemetery tour on Sunday, 3/18, from 2-4 p.m., coordinated with Riverside Historical Society. (2) The Journal of the Riverside Historical Society plans to publish an article about George Flower.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Riverside City Parks Comprehensive Master Plan: Chuck reported on the first meeting to brainstorm needs and suggestions for the Master Plan. Regarding just Mt. Rubidoux, heavy park use, need for more parking, a possible shade structure, and reconsidering the Park Ranger program were mentioned. Chuck will continue representing FMR for the Master Plan and also intends to meet with Adolfo Cruz, Director of City Parks, Recreation & Community Services. New FMR member Amanda Bates described her interest and efforts toward getting a restroom on Mt. Rubidoux. She said there's lots of off-trail bathroom use by people. She's researched different composting toilets in various parks, and has discussed ideas with Councilmember Mike Gardner, Julie Phillips from City Parks, and is attending FMR meeting for the first time to discuss her concern and goal. Chuck pledged to include this goal in the Master Plan discussions as well. (2) American Cancer Society Relay for Life: FMR Member Joan Breeding Letbetter is chairing FMR's fundraising team for the 15th year. Chuck advised that past supporters would be getting information from Joan about the June 9-10 Riverside Relay to be held at the School for the Deaf. New team members are welcome to join. (3) Easter Sunrise Service: Glenn has represented FMR on the planning committee. FMR donated funds in memory of George Flower who took pride in representing Friends at the Sunrise Services – including ringing the bell 6 times to start the service at 6 a.m. Sunrise Service is April 1 this year. Jeff Sierra may be able to volunteer to serve as bell ringer and provide back up if needed to unlock the 9th Street gate for early morning set-up.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Homemade treats were enjoyed by all.

We hope to see you at 6 p.m. on May 17, 2018 at City Hall, 5th Floor Conference Room

Contact: www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMtRubidoux E-mail: mtrubidoux@aol.com www.mt-rubidoux.org
 Yearly Dues: \$5 / Individual, \$10 / family (can be mailed to address below.)
 Friends of Mt. Rubidoux, Inc., PO Box 206, Riverside, CA 92502

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MEMBERSHIP \$5 INDIVIDUAL \$10 FAMILY
(PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX)

NAME _____
(ALL NAMES PLEASE IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP)

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

EMAIL _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL YES NO

USE OF MT. RUBIDOUX _____ **WALKING** _____ **BIKING** _____ **CLIMBING** _____

FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DONATION, YOU WILL RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER 6 TIMES PER YEAR, AND WILL SUPPORT THIS VOLUNTEER CITIZEN GROUP IN PROJECTS TO IMPROVE MT. RUBIDOUX PARK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Please complete your membership card and return with 2018 dues to the address at top of card.

Thank you for your support.