

FRIENDS OF MT. RUBIDOUX e-mail NEWSLETTER ... #143, 11/11/18

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: 11/15
2019 Meetings: 1/17, 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 9/19, 11/21
Time, Location 6 p.m., City Hall, 3900 Main St., 5th Floor
Parking in lot at 10th Street, between Market & Main

Friends,

Please join us for our last meeting of 2018, 6:00 p.m., Thursday November 15th at City Hall's 5th floor Conference Room.

Good news! Our meeting schedule for 2019 will remain at City Hall. Along with Board members' reports, come and join the update on George's plaque including the NEW date for the dedication: Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Come prepared to discuss your experience with the Bird scooters and motorized skateboards.

Chuck Beaty, President

Minutes of the September 20, 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. Twenty-one members and guests signed in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 19, 2018 meeting minutes (Newsletter 142) were approved. (Motion for approval by Rob Sitton; second by Ron Velazquez; motion carried.)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Emilio Ramirez and Jeff McLaughlin (City of Riverside, Office of Homeless Solutions, Community & Economic Development Department.) Jeff reported on a grant, available from the State of California, to create "Pathways to Health" for Eastside and Downtown neighborhoods. The grant requires public comment on what conservation or healthy-living projects are relevant in those neighborhoods (such as Community gardens, sidewalks, safety upgrades for alleys.) The City can't propose the projects. The State wants proof that suggestions came from public input. Residents and business owners from any neighborhood are invited to contribute ideas. Public comment must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 19, 2018. The Grant award could be between \$24 – 34 million. The grant name is TCC (2018 Transformative Climate Communities Grant.) Jeff and other representatives will be meeting with various community groups to explain the grant and encourage public comment. That includes Riverside Downtown Partnership, Eastside collaboratives, citizens in the Deaf communities, and the Mayor's Commission on Aging. Award winners should be announced by mid-December, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Reports:

Andrea Lossing – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andrea Lossing reported a General Account beginning balance as of 4/30/18 of \$11,160.19; Income \$1,476.82 (interest, dues, merchandise sales, donations and Provident Bank Community Partnership annual dividend); Expense \$782.52 (postage, Alvord USD bus sponsorship, returned check and bank charge, and tax filing professional help); ending balance as of 8/31/18 \$11,854.49. The Bench Account beginning balance as of 4/30/18 was \$3,651.39; interest income \$2.32; Expenses: \$262.00 withdrawal to correct a deposit that belonged in the General Account; Copies of the Treasurer's reports were circulated. The Treasurer's Reports were approved. (Motion for approval by Kathy Schulz; second by Ron Velasquez; motion carried.)

Kathy Schulz – Website; EMHC: FMR's new website is working fine. Adding a PayPal option is still a project. Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery upcoming fundraising events are scheduled for October 6 (at 9 a.m., the Pumpkin Patch for preschoolers and their families); also on October 6 – Tombstone Cinema movie "The Goonies" - gates open at 6 p.m.; on October 20, Tombstone Cinema – "Little Shop of Horrors" – gates open 6 p.m.; and the second annual Lantern Tour (already sold out) starts at 7 p.m. The Lantern Tour theme is "Twisted but True Tales Beneath Evergreen." Kathy said the Pumpkin Patch started five years ago with the idea of "taking the scary out of cemeteries." Children play age-appropriate games, and each child leaves with a pumpkin. The Lantern Tours are four tours, 30 guests each, featuring tales about people buried in EMHC. A writer prepared the script, and actors present the stories near each grave site. Kathy circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the event.

Katie Wider – George Flower’s memorial plaque: A tentative dedication date has been scheduled for Sunday, December 9 at 1 p.m.. Chuck said the plaque site (near FMR’s bench) is still being evaluated in coordination with Jeff Crumbaker (who is making the plaque and will install it to the base) and with City Parks advisors. Jeff Crumbaker is donating the bronze plaque. FMR will pay for installation. It will be placed to the left (North) of FMR’s bench – facing East. Chuck and Jeff Sierra have worked on installation planning.

Nancy Cox – Membership; EMHC: Nancy reviewed the count of members in FMR’s data base, those current on dues, and the amount of donations received.

Glenn Wenzel – RHS and Education: Glenn advised it’s too early in school calendars to have scheduled classes and tours of Mt. Rubidoux. He described the October 7 Riverside Historical Society program featuring the History of the Automobile in Riverside. The speaker is Jennifer Mermilliod. The Society meets at Riverside Medical Clinic starting with a social hour at 11:30 a.m. (bring own lunch) followed by the presentation at 12:30 p.m. Glenn brought copies of the Society’s recent Journal that includes an excellent article about past FMR President (for Life) George Flower. Copies of the Journal were available for purchase.

Jeff Sierra – George’s Plaque and Kiosks: Jeff is researching the missing sign from a large (been empty awhile) frame at the 9th Street Park entrance. Regarding Park kiosks, Jeff was asked by a walker if she could post her personal business information in the kiosks. Jeff continues helping with considerations for installing George Flower’s memorial plaque.

Chuck Beaty – Candidates for public office; meeting with Adolfo Cruz: Chuck advised that candidates attending FMR meetings can speak for one-two minutes in self-introductions. Chuck is trying to meet with City Parks Director Adolfo Cruz once monthly. Topics include FMR’s info booklet, replacing a bronze plaque by the 9th Street Park entrance (now in plastic form), and possible re-purposing of an old house by the Salinity Lab. Building relations and partnership with Parks is a goal for FMR. Other discussions include the cracks that are getting bigger in the paved trail (road); guidelines regarding electric bikes and scooters in the Park; late night visitors to Mt. Rubidoux; and complaints about dog waste. Several people attending the meeting complimented the improvement in the pet waste situation – and thanked Patrick Moran (who attended the meeting for the first time) for his dedication to cleaning up after others’ pets. Patrick also is the person who has been tying waste pick-up bags to trash cans along the road to increase availability for cleaning up after pets.

CONTRIBUTOR REPORTS:

(1) RC Morton – FMR Facebook: “Glacially slow” growth that picks up with new postings.

(2) FMR’s Refreshment volunteers contribute on a rotating schedule to bring treats for six meetings each year. Chuck thanked them on behalf of everyone who enjoys their homemade treats.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Establishing historic reference list for Mt. Rubidoux: To help future researchers find references – including photos and films – Katie Wider and Glenn Wenzel will draft a summary and access ideas to share at FMR’s November meeting.

(2) Provident Bank: On August 3, the Press-Enterprise printed an article about Provident Savings Bank’s Community Partnership Program. Since it began in 2006, the program has donated more than \$570,000 to participating non-profit organizations in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. FMR has benefitted from this program and just recently received a dividend of \$563.75 for 2017.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. Homemade pumpkin, and pumpkin chocolate chip cookies were enjoyed by all.

We hope to see you at 6 p.m. on November 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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