



## Lowell Neighborhood Association Agenda 01/07/2013

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Financial Literacy Training Program (Randy)
4. FPU Potential Volunteers (Randy)
5. Tenants Together door canvassing in the Lowell Neighborhood, Sunday, January 27. Training begins at 8:30am at the Leadership Training Center, 1719 F. Street, just south of Divisadero. After training we will go in teams of 2-3 knocking on doors in Lowell to help our neighbors get assistance regarding healthier and safer living conditions. We will return and debrief and be done by 1pm. (Sergio)
6. "Mayor's Community Meeting. Mon. Feb. 11, 2013 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Lowell Elementary Cafeteria. (Barb)
  - a. - invite Principal Naranja
  - b. - Councilmember Oliver Baines - confirmed
  - c. LNA present achievements since last Mayor's meeting
    - i. - video presentation
  - a. Invite community organizations, YFC, Teen Night, Boy Scouts, Kepler, Reading and Beyond...
  - b. Provide good signage for City departments to answer questions
  - c. Wade Sponsler has volunteered the Boy Scouts to serve
7. Councilmember Oliver Baines and City staff will attend the Feb. 4 LNA meeting to discuss with Lowell neighbors the issue of illegal alley dumping. (Barb)
8. Update on the back stop at Dickey Park. Torres Fencing has delivered the building materials to the City of Fresno's maintenance yard. We plan to rally volunteers late January/early February to complete the project. Thank you Phil Skei for coordinating these efforts. (Barb)
9. Fresno State Professor Janine Nakosi is submitting a research abstract by Friday, January 11, 2013 for the MacArthur Foundation's "How Housing Matters to Families and Communities" initiative. Professor Nakosi has been invited to pursue this by Lowell neighbors.
  - a. This is a 5-year, \$25 million research initiative designed to deepen the literature on the effect that investments in housing have on social and economic outcomes, beyond shelter. By Tuesday, March 19, 2013, the foundation will choose a number of abstracts for which full proposals will be invited. Full proposals will be due by Monday, April 29, 2013. These proposals will undergo an external review process with final funding decisions made in September 2013. Prof. Nakosi student's who have service learning requirements will be invited to assist with this effort. (Barb)

10. Lowell Neighbors, We will be having an informational meeting about the Fresno Public Market (like the FPM facebook page, too please) on Wednesday at 10:00a.m. at the Raisin Administrative Committee office 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200 - Fresno, CA. We will hear a presentation from Ted Spitzer, who is a national consultant for public markets. RSVP to [craig.scharton@fresno.gov](mailto:craig.scharton@fresno.gov) if you plan to attend. Bring a foodie, farmer, restaurant owner, food maker, or food advocate...just make sure that they have RSVP'd. (Craig)

11. Announcements:

- a. Please visit our Facebook page for up to date announcements.
- b. Randy Calvert, Senior Community Revitalization Specialist, City of Fresno Development And Resource Management Department, Community Revitalization Division, 621-8407, [Randy.Calvert@fresno.gov](mailto:Randy.Calvert@fresno.gov)
- a. Officer Angie Isaac, Fresno PD, 621-6110 [Angie.Isaak@fresno.gov](mailto:Angie.Isaak@fresno.gov) for safety/crime issues.
- a. Lowell Community Garden. Contact Tom Mattot, 559-485-1416 [tom@fresnometmin.org](mailto:tom@fresnometmin.org)
- b. Lowell Homeowner Program, Lowell CDC helping residents become homeowners. Barb Fiske [barb@lowellfresno.org](mailto:barb@lowellfresno.org).
- c. Tenants Together. 2nd Thursday each month, 5:30-7:30 at the Dickey Youth Development Center. The meeting will include a know your tenants rights presentation, discussion of organizing opportunities in Fresno as well as an opportunity to speak with an attorney regarding your individual tenancy related questions. For more information please call 415-495-8100 or email [Guillermo@tenantstogether.org](mailto:Guillermo@tenantstogether.org).
- d. The Fresno Bridge Academy. Job readiness, placement and improvement. Clients are being sought now. Call 559-600-6291.
- e. Wade Sponsler, Scoutmaster. Boy Scouts of America. Troop 1854. [jwsponsler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwsponsler@sbcglobal.net) 559-355-1549. Meetings Wednesdays 6pm @ 1854 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Next meeting: Monday, February 4, 2013. 6:30pm @ The Dickey Community Center, 1515 E. Divisadero Street. Submit agenda items on [lowellfresno.org](http://lowellfresno.org) **please.**