



## Lowell Neighborhood Association Agenda 03/04/2013

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Present: Becky, Ernie Perez, Barb, Greg, Danny Everett, Eugene, Lisa, Carolyn, Christy, Anna Wells, Blake, Steve Skibby, Nancy Donat, Sergio + Ashley
3. Additions to the Agenda:
  - a. Eugene-Green Hope Veterans/ Warrior Bucks
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> annual anti bully celebration- Ernie Perez
4. Welcome Anna Wells: Video Community Correspondent. Gave thanks for
5. Welcome Danny Everett. -gave a brief bio, from L.A., 2 daughters & 1 son, and what led him to Lowell, and his passion for community revitalization. We would like to invite the neighborhood to the grand opening of the newly renovated 315 & 321 N. San Pablo apartments. Total of 8 units, 2bd & 3bd apartments/ \$800 & \$1200, might be looking into onsite manager. Start time will be 11:30AM-1:00pm, this Thursday. Light lunch will be served. In attendance will be Councilmember Oliver Baines, City Manager Mark Scott, Elaine Robles-McGraw and other community members. The majority of income will be going to foundation for scholarships for at risk youth. Sergio offered help on property manager selection and training.
6. Volunteers needed for Dickey Park Backstop Replacement: Pastors' Cluster is organizing Dickey Park Backstop Replacement Project and neighbors are needed to volunteer. Dates will be Monday, March 25 - Saturday March 30 (Spring Break). About 10 volunteers/day will be needed. Times TBA.
7. Dickey Park Renovation Celebration ceremony will take place Saturday, March 30. The LNA board has agreed to the Downtown Pastor's Cluster offer to host this celebration. Ernie will be collaborating with them to see what we can assist with.
8. LNA UDF Updated Blight Report. Original report submitted to Mayor Swearingin four years ago. All of the pictures are updated but it would be good if LNA would add new properties to this report as well as fill in the text boxes in the middle. Sergio suggested making an online map of the blight report. We could get fresno pacific & fresno state student to volunteer their time. Becky and Sergio suggested on breaking down the report by sections like, crime, code, etc. Good to hear that the video that was presented at mayors meeting has been the buzz at the city. Ozzie will connect with Sergio and will create a plan for next meeting.
9. Lowell warrior bucks started 4 years ago, started by Steve Popenoe, Ernie and Eugene- so Lowell residents can barter goods and services. Can buy FAX bus tickets with these bucks. Goal is to get 50 Lowell residents to sign up and then they will go to local businesses. If organizations want to sponsor the program, you can get your name on back of warrior bucks. Contact Eugene Bazil 559-519-5751 [brazil8846@gmail.com](mailto:brazil8846@gmail.com)
10. Green Hope Veterans - March 15<sup>th</sup> home business and life fair @ Neighborhood Thrift Store from 10-2pm.

11. 3rd annual Anti-bullying celebration @ Lowell Elementary on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. Food will be provided, need donations to raffle off prizes for kids. The fire dept is donating helmets. Need donations of bikes, bike parts, and tools. Goal is 30 bikes. Contact Ernie Perez.
12. Kepler Neighborhood School Open Enrollment is now until May 15. KNS is a tuition free Community Benefit Charter School. Enrolling students K-7 for August 2013. Located at Cornerstone Education Center, 1545 Fulton St., Fresno, CA 93721. Will re-enrollment exceeds capacity will go into a "lottery" system. If capacity isn't exceeded everyone will be enrolled. LTC will host info session 6-7:30 on March 27. Intent to Enroll online at <http://tinyurl.com/b877yde>
13. Tenants Together: Next canvassing date is Saturday, March 23, 9:30 AM at Dickey Community Center. What we learned from last canvassing session is that JD has been sending staff to renters, So the renters are less willing to come forth and speak.
14. Mayor's Community Meeting at Lowell Elementary on February 11 was a great success. Please make sure that Barbara has volunteer contact information so that we can thank them.
15. Becky brought up that Fresno State professors was asking if Lowell needs their assistance. Is there a health fair, or something to include Construction Management, Humanities, or Nursing Students to get them plugged into Lowell.
16. Website still at work. Christy is our intern , if you have stories that you would like to share: [stories@lowellfresno.org](mailto:stories@lowellfresno.org)
17. 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)
  - c. Officer Angie Isaac, Fresno PD, 621-6110 [Angie.Isaak@fresno.gov](mailto:Angie.Isaak@fresno.gov) for safety/crime issues.
  - d. Lowell Community Garden. Contact Tom Mattot, 559-485-1416 [tom@fresnometmin.org](mailto:tom@fresnometmin.org)
  - e. Lowell Homeowner Program, Lowell CDC helping residents become homeowners. Barb Fiske [barb@lowellfresno.org](mailto:barb@lowellfresno.org).
  - f. Tenants Together. Next Clinic is Saturday, March 23, 9:30 AM at the Dickey Youth Development Center. This clinic 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).
  - g. The Fresno Bridge Academy. Job readiness, placement and improvement. Clients are being sought now. Call 559-600-6291.
  - h. 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.
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Next meeting: Monday, March 18, 2013. 6:30pm Dickey Community Center, 1515 E. Divisadero Street. Submit agenda items on [lowellfresno.org](http://lowellfresno.org) **please**.