



Lowell Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes 03/18/2013

Website: <http://lowellfresno.org> Email: hello@lowellfresno.org

1. Welcome Ome Quetzal Lopez from Tenants Together. Ome is the new Regional Coordinator for Fresno. LNA would like a policy change regarding having rentals inspected before units are rented out. It has not had the backing of the multitudes. No one has presented the policy change laid out to the City Council. LNA concerns about neglected Section 8 complexes where just one or few actual Section 8 units (that get once a year inspection). We've heard from PGE workers that these properties are not safe. Fire chief says that these properties are not safe.
2. Dickey Park backstop demolition began today. Walk on volunteers are welcomed from 8am-3pm this week.
3. Volunteers needed for Dickey Park Backstop Replacement: Pastors' Cluster is organizing Dickey Park Backstop Replacement Project and neighbors are needed to volunteer to rebuild the backstop. Work dates are Monday, March 25 - Saturday March 30 (Spring Break). About 10 volunteers/day will be needed. Times will be from 8:00am-3:00pm. Plan on bringing gloves and closed-toed shoes. Please contact Ernie Perez if you would like to volunteer, ernie@lowellfresno.org. Ernie, Jr. Highers from First Pres. (Megan), ask Nancy for Teen Night, Ariana will ask the Zumba class, Ozzie going to ask the Pink Houses.
4. 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. The Celebration will at 1-3:00pm time at Dickey Park. Need volunteers for games, serving free hot dogs and drinks (donated by the Salvation Army), LNA bring pot of chili beans, chips, salsa, looking to get the folkloric dancers, Raisin Babies, strictly a free event, Ernie will ask if agencies can have tables. Volunteers: Ernie, Ariana, Lisa, Ozzie. Ozzie and Becky can bring salsa, Barb can bring a big Costco bag of chips. Ariana will create a google doc for the Celebration.
5. Possible Dickey Park Centennial. Barb will look further into this. Becky: suggested call Pop Laval grand daughter, the Historic Society has curator for their photos.
6. 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 Cornerston Education Center, 1545 Fulton St., Fresno, CA 93721. Intent to Enroll online at <http://tinyurl.com/b877yde>. Parent Information Meeting will be March 27, 6:00-7:30pm at FIFUL, 1719 L. Street, Fresno, CA 93721. It'll be a party!
7. Tenants Together: Next canvassing date is Saturday, March 23, 9:30 AM at Dickey Community Center.
8. 3rd annual Anti-bullying celebration April 6th from 9am-2pm at Lowell Elementary. The teachers will be having a rummage sale for end of the year events for the students. There will a reptile show, bands, bike show – lot's fun! Food will be

provided. In need of donations to raffle off prizes to kids. Contact Ernie Perez.

9. Danny Everett's Grand Opening at of the newly renovated 315 & 321 N. San Pablo apartments was a great success. Thank you to the many neighbors who came and shared the time with Danny's family and invited guests from the City.
10. Valley LEAP will be hosting a celebration at Dickey Park, 1-5pm April 27.
11. Help for home owners who need ADA upgrades for their homes. Contact Art Olvera with Life Goes On-Home Improvement, Inc., 559.313.4313 art.olvera@lgo-hi.com .
12. Lowell Community Development Corporation will be creating a website in the near future that will have many resources including the available properties in Lowell for sale. LNA suggestion to Lowell CDC to become a property manager training resource.
13. Glenn Ave Apartments needs a property manager. Contact Craig Scharton.
14. Fresno Citizenship Academy now taking applications! Recommended for anyone interested to see how City Hall runs as well as all their departments around the city. The course will run from Monday, April 1st through Monday, May 20th. It will occur on each Monday from 6pm-8pm at various locations around the city. You may apply here: www.Fresno.gov/FCA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sean Edwards, Office of the Mayor, (559) 621-8000. Sean.Edwards@fresno.gov

15 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
- c. Officer Angie Isaac, Fresno PD, 621-6110 Angie.Isaak@fresno.gov for safety/crime issues.
- d. Lowell Community Garden. Contact Tom Mattot, 559-485-1416 tom@fresnometmin.org
- e. Lowell Homeowner Program, Lowell CDC helping residents become homeowners. Barb Fiske 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.
- 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 559-355-1549. Meetings Wednesdays 6pm @ 1854 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Next meeting: Monday, April 1, 2013. 6:30pm Dickey Community Center, 1515 E. Divisadero Street. Submit agenda items on lowellfresno.org **please**.