



## Lowell Neighborhood Association Agenda 04/01/2013

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Dickey Park Celebration Recap: Great turnout from the community! Face-painting, Salvation Army came out and provided Hot Dogs and candy bags.
4. Update on Dickey Park Renovations: City ran into pipes as they were getting ready for construction. This created some delays before being able to lay cement. Volunteers could not help because of these issues. We are not sure when they will continue the renovation process.
5. Update on Lowell Community Garden Management: City of Fresno contacted Tom Matott and let him know that City will begin to manage the gardens because of certain concerns: Main were 1. Concern for water usage. Lowell was not of concern here because of the drip system. This was a concern at one of the other community gardens. 2. The weeds were another issue. They are allowing Tom to continue management for the next 60 days to oversee smooth transition of contracts. There is concern with this shift because of Tom's great ability to assist the gardeners and maintain relationships with the participants of the gardens.
6. Update on Zumba and English Conversational Group: Zumba group is going strong. They meet Mondays and Fridays from 8:30-9:30am. This is a time for relationship building and exercising. Thanks to Youth For Christ for opening up their garage. A group of women get together every Thursday from 8:30-9:30 to practice English at Dickey Youth Center.
7. Historic Lowell walking tour: Becky Forehaden will be leading this event. More information to come.
8. Historic Downtown Scavenger Hunt: Don Simmons and Humanics Department will be hosting a fundraiser. Saturday, May 11 in the evening.
9. Kepler Neighborhood School is now doing Open Enrollment until May 15, then it will be based on lottery system. There have been various outreach efforts for enrollment. Next one will be April 8th at Cornerstone at 6PM. There will be translation. It will be an informational meeting to find out more about the school.
10. Lowell Neighborhood Canvassing is April 13 8:30am-12:30pm for Tenants Together. We want to create an awareness of tenant rights and empower our neighbors. We need our neighbors' support to advocate for them and be their voices when they can't be their own voices.
11. 3rd annual anti-bullying celebration on April 6th from 9am-1pm. Food will be provided. In need of donations for bike tubes. Ernie Perez will partner with the school to put this event on @ Lowell Elementary School
12. Drug activity in the neighborhood? There is a rise of drug activity on certain streets.
13. Need for childcare for Financial Literacy Training: Childcare workers: about 5 childcare

workers: 6:30-8:30 @ First Pres. Pay will be provided. Background a must. Pay will be \$8/hr. There are 78 payday lenders in our city. They target low income neighborhoods. FLT is trying to make accessible the education and tools that are targeted towards low income families for financial literacy, such as basic budgeting and creating a savings account. Contact Randy White.

14. 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, April 15, 2013. 6:30pm Dickey Community Center, 1515 E. Divisadero Street. Submit agenda items on [lowellfresno.org](http://lowellfresno.org) **please**.