

Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Meeting

Guests	Morton Meadows
Pledge	All
Order	Oscar Duran
Treasurer	Mike Battershell

ATTENDEES		
Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan	Mike Battershell	Sue Bednarz
Karen Bluvas	Duane Brooks	Melissa Bula
Carol Casey	Joel Cota	Oscar Duran
Vince Furlong	Garry Gernandt	Kerry Hoiberg
Jennifer Jazyuka	Mary Ann Krzemien	Linda Leary
Rachel Meier	Heath Mello	Rob Moore
Madeline Moyer	Pat O'Hanlon	Dorothy Patach
Tim Potter	Crystal Rhoades	Pastor L.D. Richardson
Anita Rojas	Dolores Semin	Kimara Snipe
Tom and Joyce Theiler	Mary Thompson	Benjamin Ornka
Julie Smith	Rosa Najera	Lt. Steve Cerveny O.P.D

<u>REPORTS</u>	
Police	<p>Encourage citizens to call 9-1-1 Encourage neighborhood assn. to invite police to meetings Crime down compared to this time last year January Total: 30 Autos stolen, 19 shots fired calls, 21 burglaries, 5 felony assaults, 12 thefts, 7 robberies and 5 attempted robberies High profile shooting involving South Omaha gang members PAC Meeting on February 11, 2015 @ 6:30 PM</p>
Elected Officials	<p>Heath Mello Legislative session will last from January through 1st week of June Issues: Property Taxes Prison system Education Infrastructure</p> <p>Garry Gernandt Issues Snow removal – private contractors Sewer – currently in Spring Lake. No official word on Q Street Bridge start date Services – city council passed on Property/Preventive Maintenance (targets troublesome properties) Graffiti Abatement Team will be speaking at a national conference on graffiti removal Looking for urban art mentors Still a weakness in prevention</p> <p>Chrystal Rhoades</p>

	<p>Regulating transportation companies including road safety (railroad crossing safety)</p> <p>OPS Board</p> <p>Proxy Report – Oscar Duran for Lacey Merica</p> <p>Grade configuration for middle schools (6 – 8th grade)</p> <p>Meetings to be held:</p> <p>February 10 – South High School</p> <p>February 12 – North High School</p> <p>February 17 – Burke High School</p>
PAC Police Advisory Council	<p>Lt. Steve Cerveney O.P.D.</p> <p>Next meeting date to be held February 11, 2015 @ 6:30 PM</p>
United Neigh. Alliances	<p>Mike Battershell</p> <p>Announced hiring of Julie Smith to ONE Initiative</p> <p>1st year of program is nearly funded</p> <p>SONA received grant for neighborhood initiatives</p>
New Member	<p>Morton Meadows approved and added to roster</p>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
SONA Mini Grants	<p>Have received a total of 10</p> <p>Have funded 4 projects</p> <p>Currently reviewing 2 grant requests</p>
SONA Banquet	<p>Date is June 4, 2015</p> <p>Location: KROC Center</p> <p>MCC is sponsoring scholarships for 2 students from both Omaha Bryan and Omaha South High Schools.</p> <p>Menu selection help will include Sue Bednarz</p> <p>Still looking for a speaker/currently reviewing</p> <p>Encourage members to submit names of “super” volunteers for recognition. Send names to Duane Brooks. Email: dpjabrooks@msn.com, Address: 6023 Patterson Street, Omaha, NE 68117.</p>
DPNA Dorothy Patach Nature Area	<p>Location 19th & N Streets</p> <p>MCC being brought in as a partner</p> <p>Next meeting: February 25, 2015 @ South Omaha Library</p> <p>Goal: urban food opportunities in South Omaha</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Restore Omaha Conf.	<p>Vince Furlong</p> <p>10th Annual Conference February 27 – 28, 2015</p> <p>2/27/15 gathering @ Pella’s on 41st and Farnam</p> <p>2/28/15 – conference at MCC</p> <p>Key speakers: Buffalo Love Development</p> <p>Restore Jams – networking opportunity from 7 – 10</p>
Spring CleanUp	<p>Deadline February 13, 2015</p> <p>Kick off on February 25, 2015 @ Columbus Park Community Center</p> <p>(402) 444-7774 (Keep Omaha Beautiful)</p>

<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Brown Park/Spring Lake – bus restoration project ongoing Miguel Hernandez Keith Park Putting up lights for flagpoles Requesting SONA takeover fireworks show Anita Rojas committing \$1,000 to project Sisters of Mercy grant – free libraries Collecting books for the projects Three libraries ready to be mounted City of Omaha – Norita Matt – receiving Spirit of Community Award on March 28, 2015 Community development week: April 9, 2015 Neighborhoods Conference 40 seater bus – seats available October 3, 2015 – local neighborhoods conference Bidding for national conference in 2015 Collecting updated neighborhood association information Sue Bednarz Frances Chlebinski passed away Request for moment of silence at Banquet for her and others who have passed Community garden has 12 raised plots, library helped get seeds One World September – adding a new adolescent clinic on 24th Street Field Club Historical Lights Historical Tour will be held on June 14, 2015 SOVIP Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 at the South Omaha Library Working on a Power In Parenting project – tentatively to start in march Thanks for those who assisted with Black Sunday Event Burlington Road Replaced stolen plaque at park Still not meeting but are active Mary Ann Krzemien encouraged SONA members to assist NONA to see how we can support addressing the horrific black homicide rate (2nd highest in country). KROC Hosting Pop with a Cap in March Looking into larger meeting area for SONA meetings Highland South – Indian Hill Currently working on logo contest project with Arts for All Recently submitted for a grant from Peter Kiewit Foundation Currently working on a project with South Omaha Library</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Bring representatives from neighborhood to meetings Focus on membership Network with new members</p>