



SONA

South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.

Monthly Meetings:
1st Thursday - 7- 8:30 pm
Kroc Center (27th & Y)

Meeting Info Contact:
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Executive Officers:
President
Oscar Duran
Vice-President
Rafael Santa-Maria
Secretary
Crystal Rhoades
Treasurer
Tim Leininger

Alliance Members:
Aksarben/Elmwood Park *
Beals *
Boys Town
Brown Park *
Burlington Road*
Christie Heights*
Columbus Park*
Completely Kids
Dahlman Park*
Deer Park*
El Museo Latino
Family Advisory Housing Services
Field Club*
Green Omaha Coalition
H&L*
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Hanscom Park*
Highland Park*
Highland South-Indian Hills*
Juan Diego Center
Karen Western*
Latino Center of the Midlands
Leavenworth*
Lynch Park*
Morton Park*
Old Market South *
Omaha Urban Neighborhoods
One World Community Health Center
Ponca Tribe Nebraska
Salvation Army Kroc Center
SOETF
South O. Business Association
South O. Library
Social Settlement*
Spring Lake*
Stephen Center
UNMC: Center for Reducing
Health Disparities
Weircrest*

MINUTES August 7, 2014, 7pm Kroc Center

Police report – Police have had a baseball team in South Omaha with neighborhood kids. There has been a decrease in shootings.

Senator Mello – Legislature is investigating the Department of Corrections regarding the premature release of prisoners. The legislature is now starting interim studies and he asks that you contact his office with comments or concerns.

Councilman Gernandt – Graffiti survey is being conducted. He encourages you to call the Mayor’s Hotline if you see graffiti. Brown Park baseball field has been renovated and is now open. The city council is working on the mayor’s budget. The bicycle coordinator is a hot topic, there is some misinformation but they are looking for ways to have a coordinator with a different title. The council passed the land bank ordinance. It’s another tool for improvement. There is an application for a market in South Omaha. There is opposition from out of state.

SOVIP – Received a grant from the mayor’s office to do 4 community events this year. August 2, 2014 they had the first event which was a back to school bash it was a successful event. They gave away more than 200 backpacks. The committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the South Omaha Library at 11:30AM.

Neighborhood Alliances- Mayor has included 50K to support neighborhood alliances. Packets were distributed about the initiative and how it will be structured and evaluated. For more information or to obtain a packet contact Mike Battershell mike@bergmanincentives.com or 402-871-5200. The money has been allocated, but not approved so neighborhoods are encouraged to reach out to elected officials to show support for the initiative.

Old Business:

Banquet Income –
2012-\$2200
2013-\$5700
2014-\$8500

Duane would like to see more neighborhood associations sponsor the event. He would also like to develop signage to recognize sponsors and would like to hire a photographer to take photos of the event.

Graffiti kits are available at the Omaha Public Libraries.

Duane reviewed nominations to SONA. Discussion of attendance policy for SONA members, this will be reviewed and brought to the next meeting.

Leadership team is proposing an audit. This should not concern, we have no reason to believe there is anything amiss. We want to pursue an audit simply because it is a best practice for organizations to undergo periodic audits and it is required by some funders as part of their application process. Aksarben Elmwood Park got a matching grant for renovation of Schroeder-Vogel Park. Ribbon cutting is September. Tim Potter will verify date and time and it will be available on the website. There are multiple mural projects underway in South Omaha.

South Omaha Community Care Meeting - September 17, 11:30 St Luke’s Church near South High. September 21 there will be an event at Elmwood Park with the Omaha Police Department. They will have shoes, clothing, and other vendors for families.

Political Campaigns are looking for volunteers.

Motion to adjourn.

Submitted by Crystal Rhoades