SONA Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2013

A brief meeting before the holiday potluck was called to order by Mike Battershell.

SONA received a membership application from the Green Omaha Coalition. The motion was seconded by <u>Arnie Breslow</u>. <u>Don Preister</u> will be their representative. The application was approved, with <u>Sammy Battershell</u> voting no. Welcome, Green Omaha Coalition!

Norita Matt shared that Omaha will be hosting a regional Neighborhood Association conference next October for NE and IA. The city will make funds available for attendees to the national neighborhoods conference in Eugene OR if they are applying for awards or presenting at the conference. Omaha will apply to host the national conference in 2017.

County Commissioner <u>Mike Boyle</u> shared that he voted in favor of extending benefits to same sex couples, along with majority of the Douglas County Board. He will not be running for reelection following this term.

Public Service Commissioner <u>Ann Boyle</u> shared that she is also not running for re-election in 2014. The PSC is working to educate to public about broadband Internet. She is supporting <u>Crystal Rhoades</u>, who is running for her seat next year.

Garry Gernandt wished everyone season's greetings from City Council.

Happy 90th birthday Dorothy Patach!!

The meeting adjourned and everyone enjoyed our potluck and socializing.

Respectfully submitted by Lacey Merica