

MIDEAST

AREA

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PETITION PACKET

We the stakeholders of the Mideast Area Community Commission (**MACC**), submit this petition for the formation of an Area Commission in order to afford boundary citizen participation in decision – making in an advisory capacity and to facilitate a communication, understanding and cooperation between neighborhood groups, city officials and developers.

The following petition is submitted including the Berwick Civic Association. This petition may be amended excluding Berwick, depending on their consideration, discussion and vote whether or not to be included in the MACC. Signatures in the 43209-zip code are included in this package BUT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REQUIRED COUNT.

We are persons who reside or own property in the areas of Columbus bounded by:

Boundaries (Berwick Included):

North: Ohio River railroad right-away, then south on the Whitehall border and east to Big Walnut Creek.

West: South on the east side of James Rd. west on south side of Livingston Ave. to Alum Creek. South on I-70 exiting on US 33 south then exit to east side of Winchester Pike to Courtright Rd.

South: From east side of Courtright Rd. north to north side of Refugee Rd.

East: From Refugee Rd. north on the east side of Hamilton Rd. to the north side of I-70 to the Big Walnut Creek.

Mid-East Area Community Commission Demographics (Estimated*)

Square Miles	10.21
Total Population	46,495
Total Households	19,830
Median Household Income	\$37,057
Housing Unit Summary	
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	42.3%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	45.9%

Source: ESRI

***Should be subtracted from above totals:**

- South Eastmoor total population 3,066, Households 1,783 (Neighborhood Pride 2015)
- Central Eastmoor **estimated** total population 6,000, Households 3,000
- North Eastmoor **estimated** total population 1,000, Households 800

Let us be clear, this Task Force will not change the importance of community organizations that already exist. It will enhance and empower these organizations. As a Commission, we would provide direct community input before decisions are made on issues that could affect our communities’ safety and property values.

The following are included in this petition packet:

- Demographic Data
- Area Map
- Task Force Members
- By-laws
- Petition Signatures

The entirety of this petition packet (including the items listed above) will be filled with the City Clerk.

In accordance with City Code 3109, the proposed by-laws and selection procedure for the area commission to be created shall be reasonable and consistent with this code and applicable law and are

attached to this petition and will be filed with the City Clerk who shall maintain them for inspection by any interested party.

The proposed by-laws, rules and selection procedures for the Mideast Area Community Commission. The by-laws for the Commission to be created are attached to this petition and will be filed with the City Clerk.

Printed names, signatures, resident addresses and signing dates of over five hundred (500) residents, and/or property owners of the proposed commission area are also attached to this petition and will be filed with the city clerk.

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Task Force Agent Name: Quay Barnes

Date: November 15, 2017

Signature:

Attachments:

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MACC Accomplishments
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Area

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The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Task Force for the Mideast Area Community Commission from the time it's established by City Council until the Area Commission formally organized:

Chairperson:

Quay Barnes, Resident of Berwyn East, 1654 Barnett Rd. Columbus, OH 43227, 614-216-6418, obarnes601@aol.com.

I am a resident Berwyn East for 33 years. I currently serve as the President of the Mideast Area Community Collaborative. This is my 3rd year in that position. Previously to that I served as President of the Berwyn East Civic Association for 8 years. During that time, I served as a member representative to the MACC.

My personal goal for the MACC organization is to have all communities within the MACC boundaries to have civic association representation. To that goal, we established 2 new community civics and expanded an additional 2 to cover more unrepresented areas. Also during that time, the organization supported the Main St. Special Improvement District, helped the City Attorney and Code Offices shut down Motel One, and provided support to the City Attorney's office to closed Lounge 13. I am married to Vernon for 37 years and have two children. I am retired from Columbus City Schools and work part time at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. I have a Masters of Public Administration degree from The Ohio State University. I absolutely LOVE community work!

1st Vice Chairperson:

Victor J. Flower, Resident of Mayfair Peacekeepers, 639 South Everett Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43213, 614-570-3660 victor.j.flower@gmail.com

I have lived in the Mayfair Peacekeepers neighborhood since moving to Columbus almost 30 years ago; first in Mayfair Apartments then moving a few blocks south to my current residence. I have been married to Loraine for 37 years and we have raised two children in the neighborhood. I have worked for Egan-Ryan Funeral Directors since October of 1988. I have served the community for the past four years as President of the Mayfair Peacekeepers Civic Association and I believe the east side of Columbus, from Bexley to Reynoldsburg, should speak with one voice.

2ND Vice Chairperson:

Shirley Marshall, resident of East Hampton, 3296 Towers Ct. N. Columbus, OH 43227, 614-653-6351 ehamptonbw@gmail.com

I am currently a resident of East Hampton for 20 years and currently serve as Coordinator of the East Hampton Block Watch Civic Assoc.

The mission of the East Hampton Block Watch is to actively serve our community in a way that earns trust and fosters an environment of trust through partnerships that builds relationships with *the* local business owners, residents and law enforcement. Everybody working together on finding solutions toward a common goal to reduce violence and build safer communities. I strongly believe in given back to the community, I volunteer as a Board of Election poll worker, numerous positions held at my church, and tutored at the branch library. I count it an honor to serve my community.

Donna K Jones, Resident of Leawood Gardens Neighborhood Assoc., 1640 Baxter Dr. Columbus, OH 43227, 614-493-1577 baxter888@wowway.com

I am a resident of LGNA for 20 years and currently serve as the President of the Association. This is my 5th year in that position. I currently serve as the LGNA member representative to the MACC. My goal is for the MACC organization to help establish a civic group/block watch in every community within our boundaries. I want Columbus to become one of the safest and beautiful places to live. I love community work and working with people. I have been married to my husband Robert for 25 years and have two children and one from a previous marriage. I am retired from the State of Ohio and work part time at Pinnacle Building Services as well as owning my own Tupperware business. I am currently the church clerk at Walnut Heights Baptist Church, where my husband is a deacon. I am an alumnus of Walnut Ridge High School (which is in the LGNA community) and grew up in the Leawood Gardens Neighborhood.

Lois Maier, Berwyn East, 1393 Bryon Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43227, 614-747-1242, Immair@aol.com

I moved to Berwyn East with my husband in 1977, 40 years ago, and have been active in the Block Watch and the Civic association for over 15 years. Our current number of block watch captains number 40+. Berwyn East represents about 3000 households. I am in charge, due to being in constant contact with our 9th precinct community liaison officer, of distributing crime statistics for our area. I also created a distribution network for our community newsletter.

I was on the original committee that established the MACC and have been active in it from that time. I understand the importance of neighborhoods reaching out, sharing information and supporting one another for the betterment of all. From that experience, I became one of the founders of the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference now in its 7th year.

I am active in my church, Redeemer's on Courtright, one of the churches in the Berwyn East neighborhood (Along side of Interstate 70. I retired in 2010 from Drug Free Action Alliance after over 17 years of service. Currently I volunteer as a mentor for seniors at the Africentric High School. I am a widow and cared for my mother in my home till she died at 95. She moved in with my husband and in 1977. I took the training at the Columbus Citizen's Police Academy.

Sharon Pantelis, Pinecrest Civic Association & Block Watch, 1161 Westphal Ave. Columbus, OH 43227, 614-235-7323, Sharonpentelis@att.net

A life-long Columbus resident and a long-term eastside resident, I joined the Mid-East Area Community Collaborative (MACC) in 2015 to address commercial blight along the East Livingston Corridor. Upon joining the group, I found it inspiring to meet so many others in the community who had similar concerns and who were working together to create change. My counterparts in the MACC helped me to form the Pinecrest Civic Association and Block Watch. Pinecrest is located on the northwest corner of Livingston and Hamilton. Our civic association meets regularly and we work to increase the safety and well-being of our residents. We have a special interest in community beautification and we have several exciting projects in the works.

My professional experience includes copy writing and graphic design for both the state and the private sector. I enjoy writing and received a Bronze Quill Award from the International Association of Business Communicators. I graduated from Franklin University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing. Semi-retired, I work as a substitute teacher for Bexley City Schools and

operate a small rental business with my husband of 24 years. We enjoy gardening and crossword puzzles. Proud MACC Member

Felicia A. Saunders, Resident of Easthaven Civic/Block watch, 2166 Easthaven Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43232, [614-432-7702](tel:614-432-7702), easthavencivicblockwatch@gmail.com.

Community Organizer and President of the Easthaven Civic/Block watch and Treasurer for the Mideast Area Community Collaborative (MACC). Born in Mansfield, Ohio but raised in Columbus, Ohio, is an Alumna of Mifflin High School and Fort Hayes Career Center, degree in Word Processing and Data Entry. Retired from Nationwide Insurance since 2006, (21 years as an Underwriter Specialist), where I participated in the Neighborhood Community Care Days, which was organized by former Mayor Michael B. Coleman. Currently a contractor for the State of Ohio as a Program Administrator for the ODJFS, Office of Families and Children, since 2006.

I have passion and is a dedicated community leader/advocate for nonviolence. My tireless and compassionate ways are due to the loss of losing my oldest and only son to gun violence. Anthony "Fatboi" Sowers II, was murdered on August 16, 2009 in the Easthaven neighborhood. Through my grief and pain, my neighbors and I took steps to try and stop the needless violence and loss of life in Columbus, Ohio. Currently supporting "Think Make Live" as a Program Administrator, founder and CEO is Terry "Nunnie" Green, which is an organization empowering opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 6 to 24) through: civic engagement discussions and events, developing leadership skills, social justice advocacy, and embracing community diversity. We host an annual Think Make Live Youth Summit on Nonviolence every August.

I joined and organized several support groups and participated in efforts throughout the city striving to impact and lessen the violence I see in my city, turning the block watch into one of the most active and productive associations in the city. I work closely with the Columbus Peace Officers, my neighbors, businesses, churches, and others to face down crime. I have been described as a "crusader against crime" by the Columbus Public Safety Director's Office. One of my crusade was for the installation of Neighborhood Safety Cameras for the eastside of Columbus.

As the Director and organizer of the South Community Youth Association (SCYA)-Southside Seminoles Football and Cheerleaders little league and after school tutoring organization. We took over 100 children to Buffalo, New York to play against my brother's NY Buffalo Bills Football and Cheerleaders little league organization. I was a PTA mother for the Easthaven Elementary School and is on their Site Base Council Advisory Board. I also sit on the Advisory Board as the Program Administrator for the Unity House, founder and CEO is Lamont Sapp, which is a home that provides individuals recovering from alcohol and other drug addiction, with a safe sober living environment that is supported through: social and leisure recreational activities; as well as responsible life skills; and sober support which is in Easthaven.

Herb Talabere, Resident of Eastmoor, 347 S. Broadleigh Rd. Columbus, 43209, 614-783-6223, herbtalabere@yahoo.com (SID Representative)

After receiving a Master in Public Administration Degree from Syracuse University we moved to Columbus in 1971 when I started employment with the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in the Community Planning and Development Division. In the late 80's I started and ran a wholesale gift business and later taught business principles to immigrants before retiring. We lived on the east side in Bexley until we moved to Eastmoor in 2003 when I retired. I served as President of the Eastmoor Civic

Association for two 2-year terms. Currently, I serve as Secretary of the East Main St. Special Improvement District in which I played a key development role. Laurel and I have been married for 56 years. We have 2 surviving children (our first-born son died by suicide 2 years ago), 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. I continue to have a passion for the improvement of the eastside through good citizen participation.

Sharon Ware, resident of Thunderbird Acres, 4229 Ellery Dr., Columbus, OH 43227, 614-561-3256 sharonware26@gmail.com

I have been an engaged community advocate for Thunderbird Acres Neighborhood Association for over twenty years, serving in the role of community information officer and interim president. Her basic role has been in providing support in community asset building, marketing and communication to nonprofit and civic groups.

I have been presenter to national and regional conferences on community engagement and communication values for nonprofits.

My current employment is Assistant Impact Director with the Neighborhood Partnership Center of United Way of Central Ohio, she manages and produces nonprofit and community engagement courses targeted at grassroots organizations.

I have built community collaborative structures to increase effective services between nonprofits, City of Columbus, Metropolitan Library System, Ohio State University, Otterbein University a local business. I coordinate re-entry program, Citizen Circle of Central Ohio which provides support to newly released individuals. I was also one of the founding members of the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference in Central Ohio that meets annually for neighborhood groups to network and share best practices in meeting community challenges. She serves as the chair of the Midwest Task Force Presbyterian USA; Self-Development of People grant program that administers nationally over \$600,000 yearly.

In addition to my current position, I serve on committees of, Mideast Community Collaborative, a community advocacy board, and The Walnut Ridge Initiative, a program to provide afterschool programming. I hold a Masters of Communication and Marketing from Franklin University and Nonprofit Management certification from Columbus State Community College and is certified as a mediator through Capital University.

Kim Watkins, Resident of Beechwood Community, 1249 Carolwood Ave, 43227, 614-239-9451, k.watkins1249@yahoo.com

Hello my name is Kim M. Watkins, I am a resident and a home owner of 23 years in “Beechwood Community” and Astor Park. Along with my husband of 26 years, we have raised 5 beautiful girls in this disenfranchised community. As a resident I, have had my car broke into, my home burglarized and my yard vandalized just to name a few things. I have seen the deconstruction of this neighborhood in the last 8 years and I am ready to take a stand. As a member of this community, I share the common interest in the betterment of the neighborhood through the sharing of common attitudes, interest, resources and goals. I joined the block watch to be a voice to make an impact on city codes and ordinances, help keep our community free from drugs, loitering, and prostitution by reporting these suspicious activities, and help with community events.

I embrace the Mideast Area Community Collaborative (MACC) beliefs of community empowerment through collaboration of the civic association and block watches working together with code enforcement and police to improve "OUR" neighborhood. I understand the philosophy of the MACC, having the power of many voices, which fights for the core values of a community collectively.

I am a graduate of Capital University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. I have been employed for 16 years. I have worked with families dealing with domestic violence, drug and alcohol addictions, and Homelessness. I was able to provide these families with valuable resources to aid them in having healthy families and healthy environments. I have worked closely with the Homeless Families Foundation, YWCA Family Shelter and Volunteers of America to coordinate services to aid families in overcoming barriers.

I am committed in representing my neighborhood who have also embarked on this journey to improve this community.

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By-laws

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BYLAWS

of the

Mideast Area Community Commission

These Bylaws establish the procedure under which the Mideast Area Community Commission shall execute those duties and functions set forth in and with authority granted under Chapter 3109 and 3111 of the Columbus City Codes (herein abbreviated as C.C.)

Article I: Name

The name of the organization is the MIDEAST AREA COMMUNITY COMMISSION will be alternatively referred to herein as MACC or the MACC.”

Article II: Area

A. Current Area

North: The Columbus and Ohio River railroad right-away in between the Bexley border and Whitehall border. then south on the Whitehall border and east to Big Walnut Creek.

West: Is Bexley border: from Columbus and Ohio River railroad south on the east side of the Bexley line to Livingston Avenue. West on south side of Livingston Avenue to the waterway of Alum Creek at I-70.

South: Southeast on US-33/Winchester Pike, to Courtright Rd.

East: (From Courtright and Winchester Pike) north on Courtright Road; east on Refugee Road; to Hamilton Road; north on Hamilton Road (west side only); to I-70 (north side only) to the Big Walnut Creek north to the Whitehall border.

Article II: History

MACC was established in 2002 and became an active collaborative of neighborhood associations and block watches in 2006. The MACC consist of concerned citizens in the Far East Neighborhood Pride Center area which encompasses designated police districts 9 and part of 14.

The MACC objective is to improve communication among the 12 civic associations and block watches, to increase the efficiency of resources and activities and to better serve each member organization.

The MACC seeks to show UNITY and STRENGHT in reporting issues to community and government sources. The MACC works with the Far East Neighborhood Pride Center to address community issues through progress in stabilizing zoning issues, increasing community engagement for safety and beautification efforts.

Through knowing each other and with a history of collaboration, we have achieved various accomplishments by working together in finding solutions toward a common goal, to reduce violence and build safer communities.

We the members, embrace the MACC belief of community empowerment through collaboration of the civic associations and block watches working together with city government, code enforcement and police to improve “OUR” collective neighborhood. We understand the philosophy of the MACC, having the power of many voices, which fights for the core values of a community collectively.

Through this process our core values will not change.

- Each neighborhood would continue to sit at the table. Equal representation for all!
- Each neighborhood will make its own decisions concerning internal matters.

- Support will be offered when requested. This could be in form of, but not inclusive to: MACC wide or individual community support letters, attendance at hearings and calling mass meetings to raise awareness and show strength in numbers for that particular issue or concern.
- Promote mass meetings of general interest for all the residents of all member organizations.

For the past six (6) years the MACC has met monthly (excluding June and July). Attendance is composed of representatives from each member neighborhood group.

The MACC believes in COMMUNITY BUILDING. One of the major goals for the MACC organization is to have all communities within the MACC boundaries to have civic association representation. To that goal, we established two (2) new community civics and expanded an additional two (2) to cover more unrepresented areas. We have only 2 unestablished areas remaining. Also during that time, the organization supported the Main Street Special Improvement District (SID), helped the City Attorney and Code Offices shut down Motel One, and provided support to the City Attorney's office in the effort to close Lounge 13.

A list of our accomplishments thus far is listed as an attachment.

Article III – Purpose

The purpose of this Commission shall be to afford additional voluntary citizen participation in decision making in an advisory capacity to the City Administration and City Council and to facilitate communication, understanding, and cooperation between neighborhood groups, city officials, and developers.

The Commission shall:

- A. In the interest of local planning for local needs, identify and study problems and requirements of the Commission Area in order to:
 1. Create plans and polices which will serve as guidelines for future developments of the Area.
 2. Bring the problems and needs at the Area to the attention of appropriate Government agencies or residents and local officials.
 3. Recommend solutions or legislation
- B. Aid and promote communication within the Commission Area and between it and the rest of the City by means of
 1. Regular and special meetings of the Commission which are open to the public,
 2. Public forums and surveys to provide an opportunity for area residents, businesses and organizations, institutions and governments to comment,
 3. Initiating proposals and supporting those introduced by individual citizens or area organizations that will enhance the quality of life enjoyed by area residents and preserve the unique residential and commercial mix of the Area, and
 4. Promoting and encouraging business functions, methods of operation, architectural appearance, and locations are consistent with the character and requirement of the Area.
- C. Initiate, review and recommend criteria and programs for the preservation, development, and enhancement of the Commission Area, including but not limited to parks, recreation areas, sidewalks, streets and traffic by means of:
 1. Reviewing the proposed Capital Improvements Budget and proposing new items and changes relating to the Area,

2. Making recommendations for restoration and preservation of the historical and environmental elements with the Area, and
 3. Receiving and reviewing for recommendation prior to the adoption by governmental bodies, any new or revised comprehensive plan affecting the Area.
- D. Recommend priorities for and review government services and operation of the various government departments in the Commission Area by means of:
1. Requesting and receiving from departments or agencies periodic reports concerning governmental services in the Area.
 2. Meeting with administrative heads of any department or agencies of any of their subordinates to obtain additional information deemed necessary for the Commission to fulfill its functions,
 3. Requesting and receiving from departments or agencies, prior to implementation, full reports on any proposed changes,
 4. Reviewing and evaluating pending legislation substantially affecting the area prior to its consideration by Council, and
 5. Review and comment on zoning issues and demolition presented to the Commission.
- E. Recommend persons from Commission Area for nominations to membership on City boards and Commission that make decisions or recommendations affecting the Commission Area.
1. The Commission shall not endorse any candidate for public office.

Article IV – Membership

- A. **Appointment.** All Commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Columbus with concurrence of City Council in accordance with C.C. 3109. The Secretary shall notify the Mayor of all nominations, elections, and vacancies within ten (10) days such action.
1. Should the Mayor neither approve nor disapprove the action within thirty (30) days of notifications, the actions shall be deemed approved until notice from the Mayor as specified in C.C. 3109.
 - a. A copy of each notice shall be sent to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.
- B. **Members. The Commission shall consist of 17 Commissioners.** Each member shall either reside, work or own property in the Commission Area. Each member shall serve without compensation.
1. **One (1) Commissioner shall be selected from each of the member Civic Associations totaling currently 12 Commissioners. This will allow for equal representation throughout the Commission and the continuance of individual concerns being uplifted and heard. This results in maintaining the autonomy and uniqueness of each civic association organization. The Commissioners shall be elected or appointed according to the procedures used and directed within that member Civic Association and not dictated by the Commission. Results of said elections will be noted and considered final.**
 2. **Five (5) At-Large Commissioners shall either be employed, own real property or operate a business within the area and shall be nominated by the Commission. The five (5) individuals nominated by the Commission may be from, but not limited to:**
 - official from a MACC Area Columbus City or Charter School
 - representative from a MACC area faith based organization
 - social or other public interest organizations
 - representative from a MACC area business owner or Association

- 3. The Commission must maintain a majority of the members to be residents of the MACC boundaries.**
- C. **Terms.** The term of membership of the elected and appointed officials described in Article IV shall be 3 years. The term of membership for the three at-large members shall be two years.
1. Upon initial appointment, terms shall be staggered as determined by lot, one-third (1/3) of the initial Commissioners shall serve for one (1) year; one third (1/3) to two years; and the remaining one-third (1/3) for three (3) years or until their successors are appointed. Upon expiration of each member's term and thereafter, each member shall serve a total of three (3) years so as to maintain continuity in experienced representation.
- D. No Commission member shall represent the Commission in its official actions before any other public body or official, except as specifically authorized in writing by the Commission. **This shall not be construed as a restriction upon the right of the individual Commissioners to represent their own views before public or private bodies, whether in agreement or disagreement with the official action of the Commission.**
- E. **Disqualification.** Commissioner shall maintain their residence, employment or business in the Commission Area from which they were elected or appointed. Failure of a Commissioner to maintain his or her residence, employment, property or business in the Commission Area, shall be deemed a resignation and the Secretary shall notify the Mayor, City Clerk and the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods.
- F. **Attendance.** The year starts with the Annual Meeting in held between August and October. Commissioners shall, so far as possible, be regular in attendance. Attendance shall also include participation by means of communication or media equipment if all persons participating can hear each other and participate. A Commissioner's absence form three (3) regular meetings in any one (1) year shall be deemed a resignation from the Commission, unless a written petition has been received by the Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission must act upon the petition when it is received at either the next regularly scheduled meeting or the following regularly scheduled meeting. The petition must be made in writing and received by the Chairperson **at least eight (8) days prior to the next regular meeting following the third absence.** The petition is to request that some or all the absences be excused due to extenuating circumstances. The nature of the extenuating circumstances shall be explained. If the Commission accepts, **by majority vote**, all or apportion of the absences may be excused. If a petition is not received, it shall be deemed resignation from the Commission and notice of such will be communicated to the City of Columbus. After the second missed meeting, the Secretary will remind the Commissioner of the attendance policy. After the third missed meeting, the Secretary will remind the Commissioner about the need to submit a petition to the Chairperson if the Commissioner would like to maintain their position. Commissioner shall, as soon as possible, inform either the Chairperson or the Secretary, prior to the meeting, when they know they will be absent.

- G. **Vacancies.** The Commission shall nominate one (1) or more candidates to fill any vacancy caused by death, disqualification, or other means for the remainder of the unexpired term **by letter to the Mayor pursuant C.C. 3109.** A replacement shall be nominated by the remaining Commissioners within thirty (30) days of the declared vacancy to fill the position until the next selections or annual nomination.

Article V – Officers

- A. The officers of the Commission shall be: **Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.** At the first meeting of the Commission, officers **shall be elected by a majority vote** of the Commission. Thereafter, election of officers shall be at the annual meeting. Officers shall serve one (1) year, or until a successor is elected. Commissioners may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms as Chairperson. There is no limit to the number of terms that someone can serve in the same office. Each officer shall have the right to vote on any question. All officers shall be Commission members.
- B. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson shall be a resident of the MACC area. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Commission; in consultation with other Commissioners, appoint standing and special committees of the Commission; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; coordinate the action of officer and committee chairperson; and perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Commission.
- C. **Vice-Chairperson.** The Vice-Chairperson shall be a resident of the MACC area. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson; perform all the duties of the Chairperson; in his or her absence, or at the request of the Chairperson; and perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Commission.
- D. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall call and record roll; remind a Commissioner of his or her absences per Article IV, record and maintain accurate voting records and meeting summaries which shall be open to public examination; maintain such other records as the Commission may direct; notify the Mayor of any vacancy; perform related duties as may be assigned by the Commission; and in the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, call the meeting to order and preside until the immediate election of Chairperson pro tempore. The Secretary shall also maintain Public Records such as (emails, memos, meeting notes, and minutes, etc.) that the Commissions creates they go about Commission business. The records shall be available to the public at request.
- E. The Commission shall also abide by the City of Columbus’s Record Retention schedule, which describes the dates and process for retaining and destroying documents.
- F. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall receive all funds and disbursed all funds with the Commission’s approval. The Commission shall provide for a reconciliation of the financial records of the accounts prior to each annual meeting.
- G. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in the office of the Chairpersons shall be filled by the Vice-Chairperson. A vacancy in any other position shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

Article VI – Meetings

- A. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held the third **Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. except for June and July**, unless otherwise directed by the majority vote of the Commission in sufficient time to notify constituents and the City Administrator of such change. Each meeting shall be held in the Commission area unless suitable facilities are not available. In which case they may seek suitable facilities contiguous to the Commission Area in an appropriate large room convenient for Commissioners and the public. The location chosen by the Commission as its regular meeting place, unless otherwise specified, should be made public at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting with an agenda shall be published in the City Bulletin prior to changing meeting time and location.
- B. **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting shall be **between August and October** at which time new Commissioners will be seated and new officers elected.
- C. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, the Chairperson, or by a majority of the Commissioners in a regular or special meeting. The meeting's purpose, date, time and location shall be stated when the meeting is called. No business will be considered at the special meeting unless it was stated when the meeting was called. Except in cases of emergency, three (3) days notice shall be given for a special meeting. The Commission shall maintain a list of persons who have requested to be contacted prior to a Special meeting being called.
- D. All meetings shall be open to the public, and notice shall be published, when possible, at least seven (7) days in advance in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commission Area and on the web site.
- E. **Quorum.** A majority of the Commission members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.
- F. **Voting:** A majority of the Commissioners present and voting shall be required to approve any action. A tie vote is disapproval. The Chairperson shall state each issue in a positive form such as "the question before the Commission is: Shall the application; Request approval for ____ be approved?".
- G. **Conflict of Interest.** Each Commissioner should determine for herself or himself when they have a conflict of interest that warrants their recusal from participating and voting on a particular matter be before their commission. Should a "conflict/recusal" issue arise in an open Commission meeting the meeting should include full discussion, notating any motion, voting and reporting in the Minutes.
- H. The **order of business** may be determined by the Chairperson. A suggested format is:
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - 3. Invited Guests
 - 4. Zoning or Development Issues
 - 5. Old Business (In process or completed business)
 - 6. New Business
 - 7. Announcements
 - 8. Adjournment

- I. The Chairperson shall recognize members of the public who wish to address the Commission concerning issues under discussion. The Chairperson shall uniformly limit debate to an equal amount of time for each side of the issue. Time limits may be set by the Commission. When appropriate, further action on the issue may be deferred to the next Commission meeting.
- J. Dissenting or non-concurring reports may be filed with the Secretary by any Commissioner and shall be attached to the majority report.
- K. Individual citizens or Commissioners may be asked to research a specific topic and report findings to the Commission.

Article VII – Committees

- A. The Chairperson shall appoint Commissioners to standing committees giving due consideration to their individual preferences and subject to approval by a majority vote of the Commission members.
- B. The Chairperson shall appoint non-Commissioners to Commission committees from the recommendations by Commissioners appointed to that particular committee subject to approval by a majority vote of the Commissioners. **Non-members appointed shall have full voting privileges in all proceedings of the committee to which they are appointed.** The number of non-members on any committee shall not exceed the number of Commission members appointed.
- C. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson and their appointments shall expire at the next annual meeting.
- D. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- E. After appointments are approved, the members of each committee shall select a Committee Chairperson from among the Commission member appointed to the committee.
- F. Committees will be formed as needed.
- G. Notice of all committee meetings and copies of all committee correspondence shall be filed with the Secretary and the Chairperson of the Commission. Committee findings which propose action or resolution shall be submitted at a regular meeting of the Commission for consideration.

Article VIII – Elections

The Elections Board (hereby the “Board”) shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Commission Area residents **appointed by the Chairperson with approval of the Commission** at the last regular meeting in May of each year. Members of the Board shall not be candidates for Commissioner. The Board will be responsible for notifying each Commissioner of the time period elections must be held within their civic organizations. The Board will be the contact for all questions concerning the duties of commissioners and will attend civic association meetings and provide presentations on those responsibilities if requested.

One (1) Commissioner shall be selected from each of the member Civic Associations totaling currently 12 Commissioners. This will allow for equal representation throughout the Commission and the continuance of individual civic concerns being uplifted and heard. The goal being to the maintaining the autotomy and uniqueness of each civic association organization.

The Commissioners shall be elected or appointed according to the procedures used and directed within that member Civic Association and not dictated by the Commission. Results of said elections will be considered final and reported to the Board within the time period as notified by said Board.

The Elections Board will be the recipient of the results of elections held. The Board may hear and assist Civic Associations in the resolution of complaints concerning their election. The Board will announce the results and certify the winning candidates during the annual meeting where the new Commissioners will be seated.

Article IX-Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Commission may adopt.

Article X- Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by an **affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Commission members provided that the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.** The Secretary shall file any approved amendment immediately after its adoption with the City Clerk for publication in the City Bulletin. Such amendment shall take effect ten (10) days after such publication per C.C. 12105.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Beechwood Community & Pinecrest Park Civic
- Berwick Civic Association
- Berwyn East Civic & Block Watch
- Easthaven Civic Association
- Eastmoor Civic Association
- East Hampton Civic & Block Watch
- Leawood Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Livingston Heights Place Civic Association
- Mayfair / Peacekeepers Blockwatch & Civic Association
- North Eastmoor Civic Association
- Pinecrest Civic Association & Blockwatch
- South Eastmoor Civic & Blockwatch
- Thunderbird Acres Civic Association
- Remington Ridge Civic Association
- Willis Park Civic Association



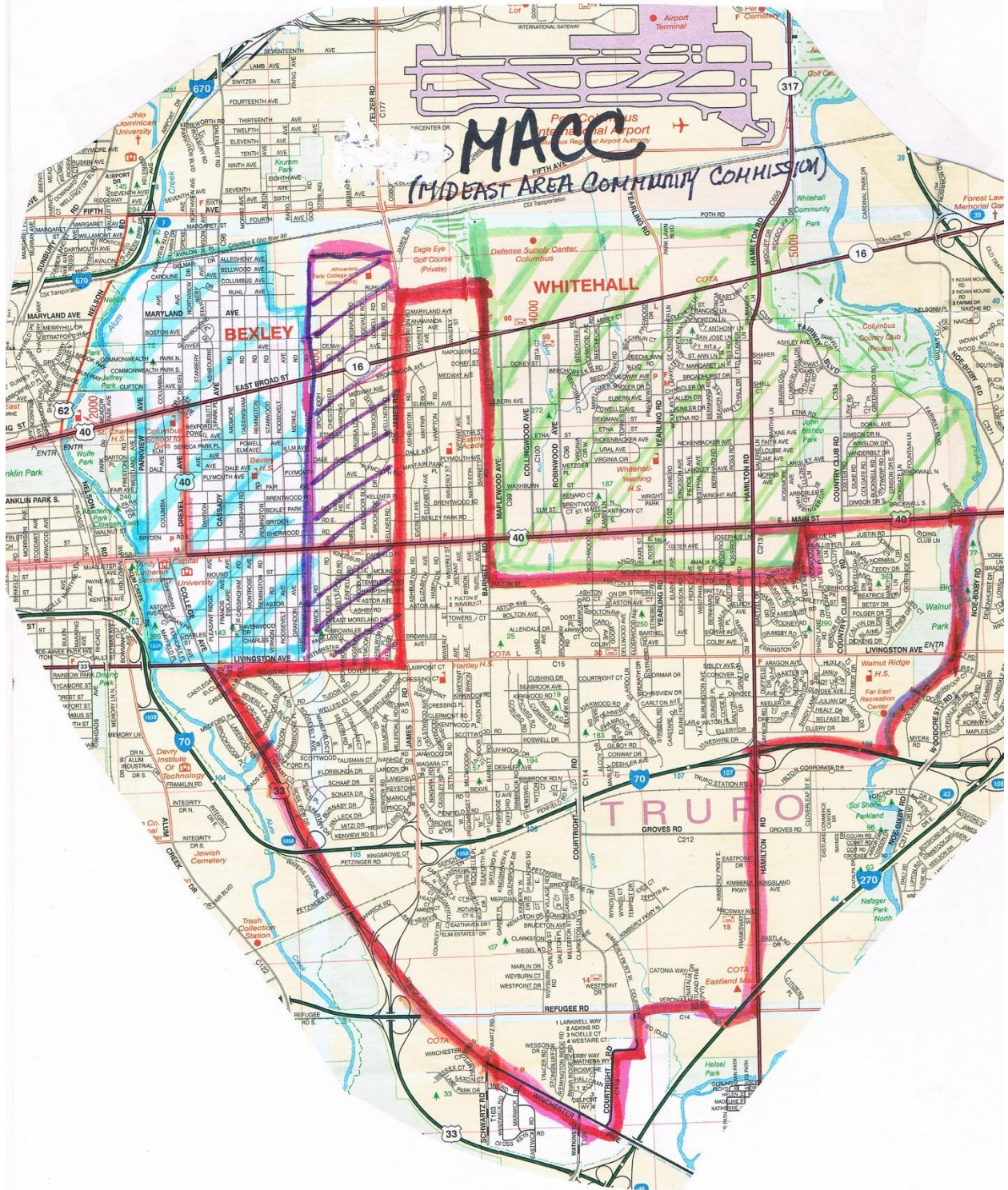
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Year	Project	Affected Communities
2006	Broad St / Main St. Corridor Plan developed with Columbus City Planning Department	Eastmoor, North Eastmoor, South Eastmoor, East Hampton, Mayfair/Peacekeepers
2007	Hamilton Rd. Corridor Plan developed with Columbus City Planning Department	Leawood Gardens, Thunderbird Acres, Easthaven
2007	Supported the demolition of Greenbriar /Woodland Park (“Uzi Alley”) Apartments.	North Eastmoor
2009	Livingston Ave. Corridor Plan developed with Columbus City Planning Department	Berwyn East, Livingston Heights, Berwick, East Hampton, Beechwood, Leawood, Pinecrest, Thunderbird Acres, Willis Park
2013	Motel One Demolished (2003 first action taken by MACC). The process used to close this hotel is now used City wide!	Main St./MACC City of Columbus
2014	I-70 Noise Wall. Gained neighborhood support and chose wall design	Berwick, Berwyn East, Thunderbird Acres
2014	Demanded Speedway development adhere to the Broad St. Corridor plan	MACC
2015	New Code Enforcement Procedures for repeat offenders and nuisance violations developed by MACC (adopted city wide)	MACC City of Columbus
2015	Sought out the addition of a grocery store and supported the opening of Save-A-Lot (Eliminated “food desert” in area)	MACC
2015 - 2019	2 Million Dollar URIF (Urban Recovery Infrastructure Fund) Approved	Eastmoor, South Eastmoor, East Hampton, Mayfair/Peacekeepers
2017	Supported the approval of the Special Improvement District (SID) for Main St.	Eastmoor, South Eastmoor, Mayfair/Peacekeepers, East Hampton
September 2017	Urged City to establish at Barnett Recreation Center an Intergenerational program. APPROVED!	MACC
October 2017	Lounge 13 Closed pending trial.	Beechwood (Supported by Berwyn East, Pinecrest, Leawood Gardens and Willis Park)

Building Community

- Created South Eastmoor (MACC sponsored Neighborhood Pride Program)
- Expanded Mayfair/Peacekeepers to Broad Street
- Supported the creation of Pinecrest Civic
- Supported the Re-establishment of I-on-U Block Watch and renamed it the city recognized community of Beechwood (Civic)
- Encouraged & Supported the Neighborhood Pride Program in East Hampton, Leawood Gardens, North Eastmoor Thunderbird Areas, Berwyn East, and Easthaven
- Registered all organizations with the city recognized title of “Civic Association” to insure community stabilization.

MIDEAST AREA COMMUNITY COMMISSION (PROPOSED)



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