

**Welcome to the first
official meeting for the
Far East Area Commission!**

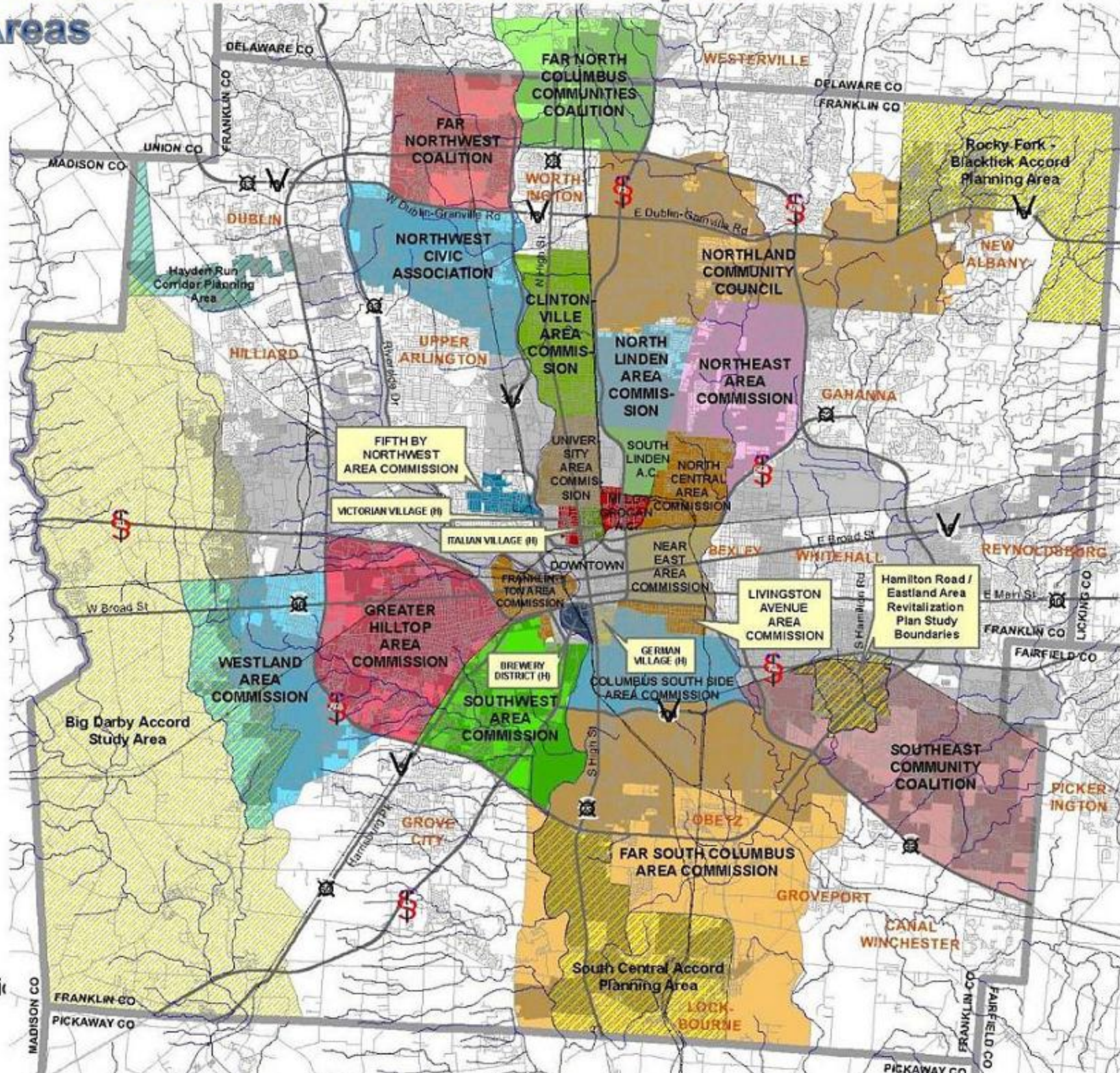
What is an Area Commission?

3109.01 Purpose.





Area commissions are established to afford additional voluntary citizen participation in decision-making in an advisory capacity and to facilitate communication, understanding and cooperation between neighborhood groups, city officials and developers. Disclosure of the by-laws, procedures and rules assures accessibility of necessary information. General standards and filing procedures serve as guidelines for establishment of area commissions, assure compliance with minimum requirements, effect area representation, and permit flexibility and individuality without the legislative burden of detailed codification and periodic amendments for each commission. Filing also provides reference models for other neighborhood groups.

The first step...
choosing our boundaries!

City of Columbus Area Commissions, Historic Groups & Planning/Accord Areas



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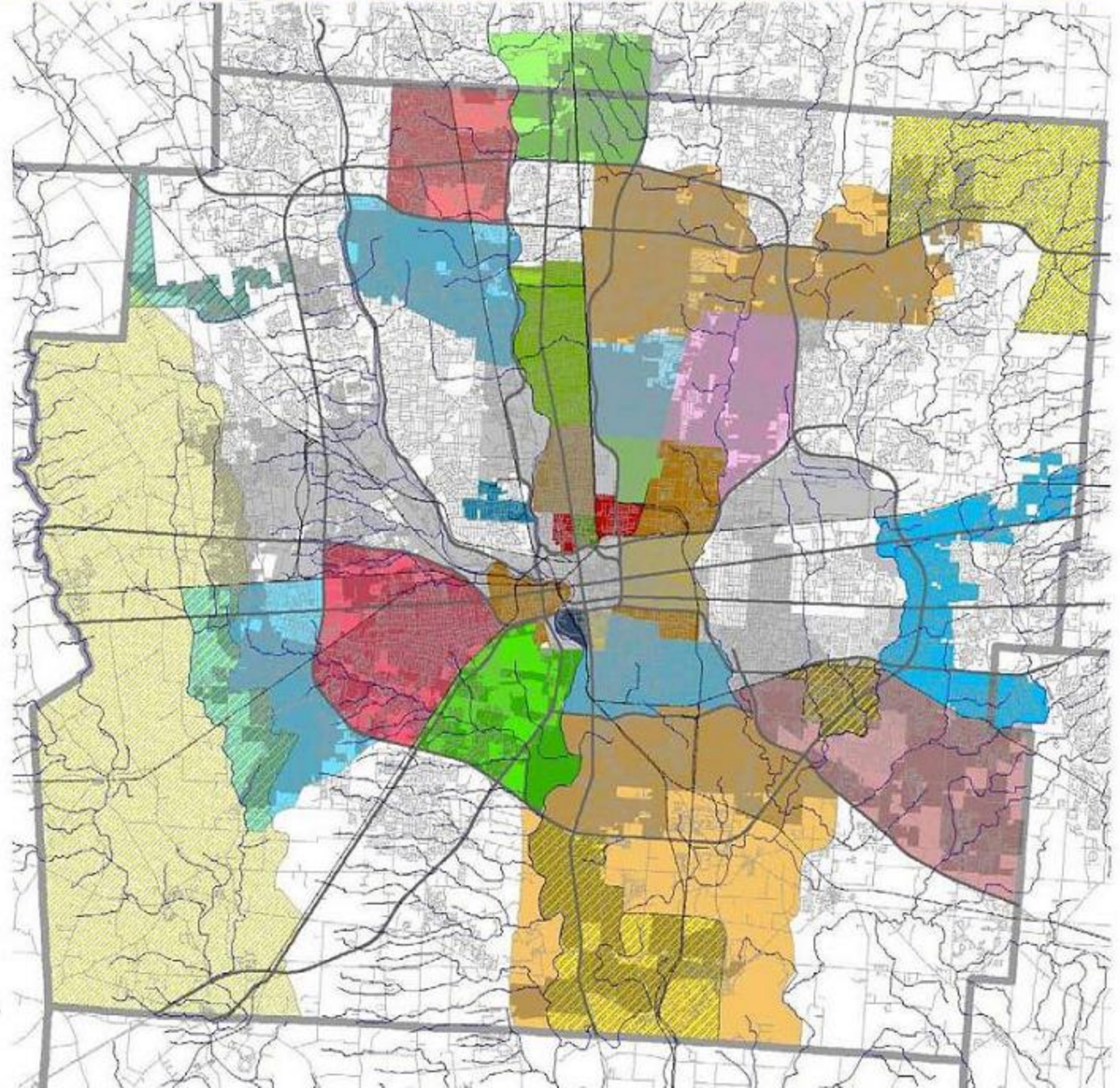
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-  City of Columbus

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City of Columbus Area Commissions, Historic Groups & Planning/Accord Areas w/ Mapped Area for Far East Area Commission

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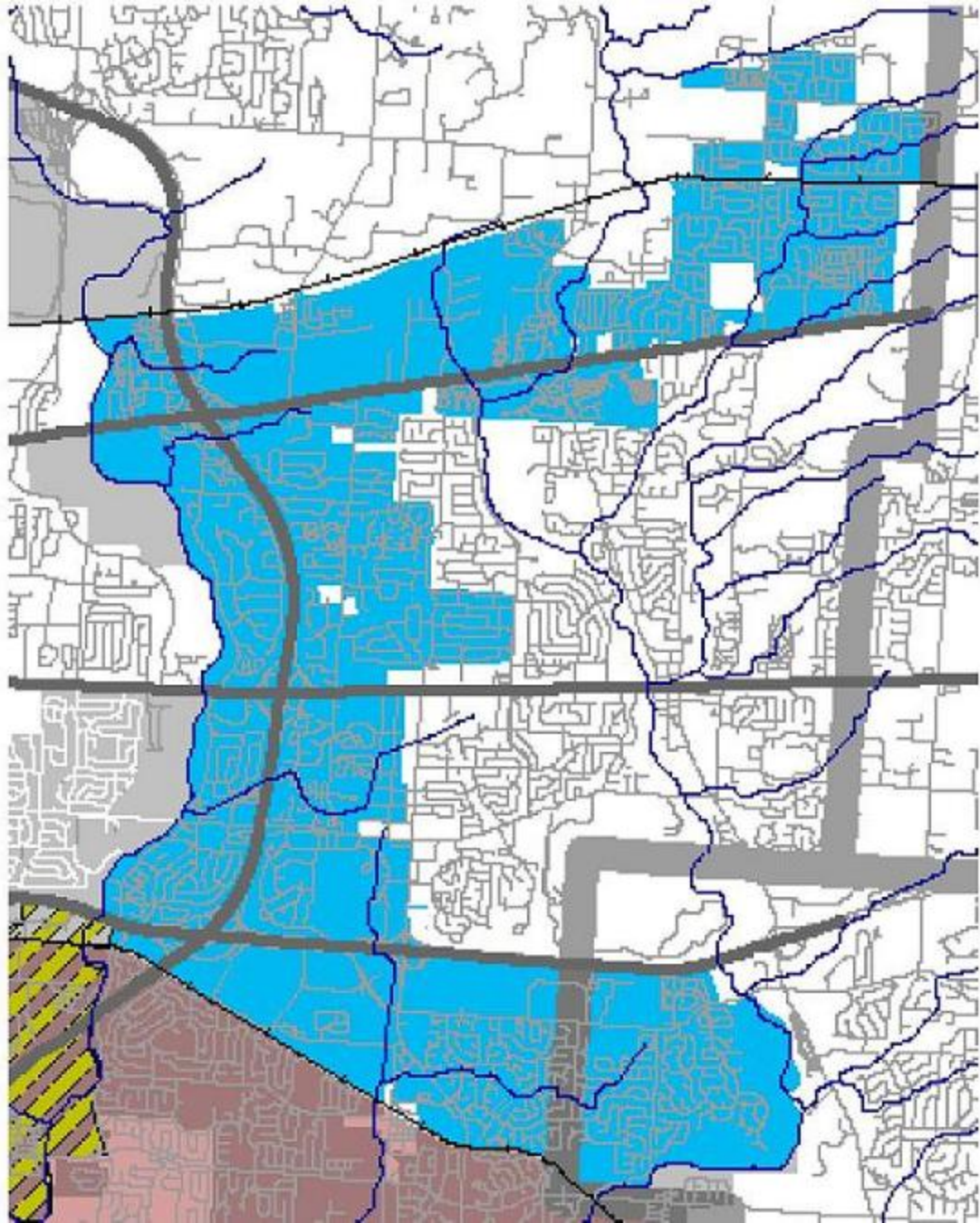


FAR EAST AREA COMMISSION BOUNDARIES

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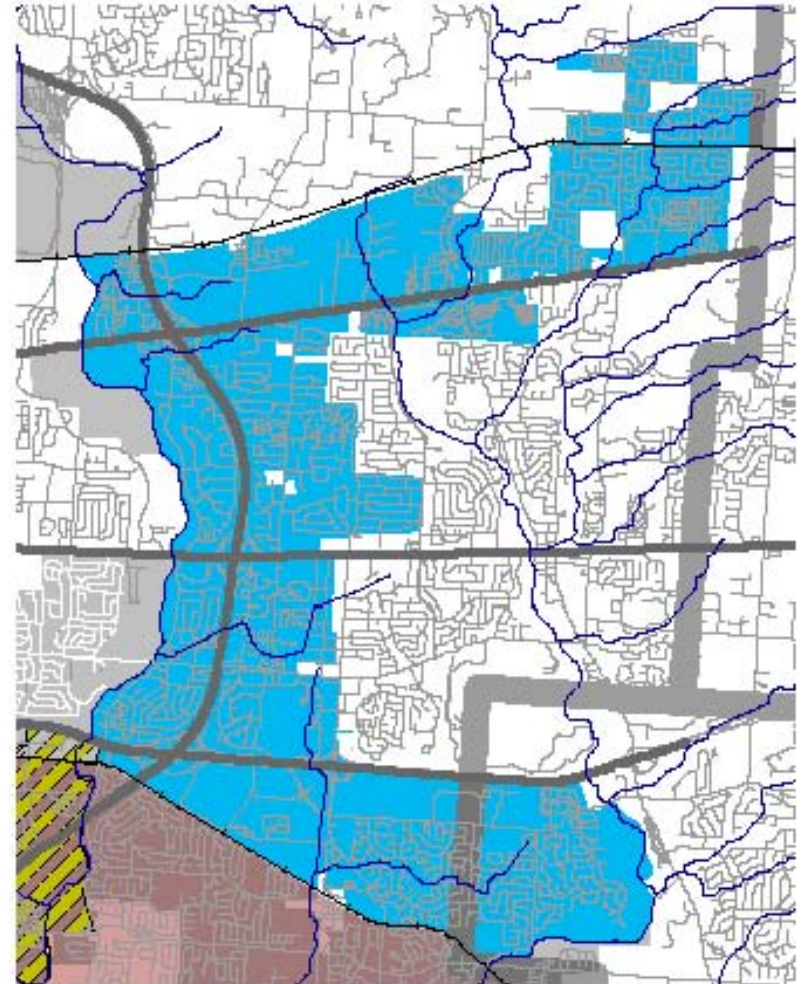
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Reasons these boundaries were chosen:

1. We looked at the current Area Commissions, Historic Groups & Planning/accord Areas
2. We needed to keep the area commission at around 10 square miles or less in order for the boundaries to be approved by the city.
3. For the northern and eastern boundaries, we extended the area commission to the City of Columbus city limits.
4. For the southern border, we extended the area commission to the Conrail railroad tracks, which is also the northern border for the Southeast Community Coalition.
5. For the western border we extended the area commission to the Big Walnut Creek. This was as far west as we could go and still stay close to 10 square miles.



Far East Area Commission

Organization	Included	Not Included
Bel-Air Court Block Watch		✓
Bay Brook Block Watch		✓
Blacklick Creek Condos Block Watch	✓	
Brentwood Lake Apts	✓	
Cedar Run Block Watch	✓	
Chatterton Home Owners Association		✓
Cobblestone Block Watch		✓
Country View Block Watch		✓
Crawford Farms Block Watch	✓	
Creekstone Block Watch	✓	
Dorechester Green Waggoner Woods Block Watch	✓	
Dorothy's Pond Block Watch		✓
Eastpoint Lakes Apts	✓	
Gates of McNaughten	✓	
Gender Park Block Watch		✓
Green Brier Farms Civic Association		✓
Highland Park Apts	✓	
Hummell Grove		✓
Independence Village Block Watch Phase I	✓	
Independence Village Block Watch Phase II	✓	
Kensington Glen		✓
Kingston Crossing Walnut Bluff Pride		✓
McNaughten Place Block Watch	✓	
McNeill Farms	✓	
McNeil Farms Condos	✓	
Meadows at Winchester		✓
Murphy's Pond		✓
Olde Orchard Block Watch	✓	
Park Place Block Watch	✓	
Park Place Civic Association	✓	
Park Place West (north) Block Watch	✓	
Park Place West (south) Block Watch	✓	
Pine Hills Block Watch	✓	

Who falls within these boundaries?

If your organization is not listed on this page, please let us know!

Pines at Creeks Edge Block Watch		✓
Ravine at Waggoner Park Block Watch	✓	
Ravines at McNaughten	✓	
Smith Farms Block Watch	✓	
Smith Farms Condos	✓	
Stonehill Block Watch	✓	
Tradition at Creekview	Boundaries are unknown	
Turnberry Block Watch	✓	
Turnberry Green Block Watch	✓	
Village of Shannon Green		✓
Waggoner Chase Block Watch	✓	
Walnut Heights Block Watch		✓
Walnut Hills Block Watch	✓	
Walnut Ridge Block Watch/Leawood Gardens		✓
Waterford Place	✓	
White Oak Park Block Watch		✓
Willis Park Block Watch		✓
Winchester Lakes Block Watch		✓
Williamsburg Square Apts	✓	
Yorkshire Block Watch		✓

If these boundaries are considered acceptable and are agreed to by all organizations here today, our next step is to establish a Task Force!

What is a task force and what does it involve?

- A task force is comprised of residents who agree to serve as a representative for the commission area from the time it is established by council until the area commission is organized.
- Being a member of the task force does not mean that you will be an official area commission member once the commission is organized.
- We would like to have one task force member per block watch/civic community.
- These individuals will be our primary contact. When we send out information pertaining to the process, they will be in charge of relaying that information to their community, through their usual means of contact.
- These individuals will be in charge of securing the signatures needed for the area commission petition.
 - There are currently 32 organizations within the Far East Area Commission boundaries that have been chosen. If we receive a volunteer from each community, each task force member should only need to secure 25 signatures from their community.

After the Task Force is Developed...

- A preliminary example of an Area Commission by-laws will be given/sent to each task force member.
- Task force members will then be able to review and take notes on any revisions they would like to see in the formation of the Far East Area Commission by-laws.

Additional Duties of the Task Force...

3109.03 - Notification of residents.

- Within thirty (30) days after filing the petition with its attachments, the task force named therein shall notify residents of the proposed commission area of: (1) the filing with the city clerk; (2) its general provisions including the area boundaries; and (3) the method for objecting thereto. Suitable notice may be given by door-to-door distribution or publication in an area newspaper and shall also be given in The City Bulletin. Within sixty (60) days of such notice, any interested party who objects to the petition, signatures, proposed boundaries, proposed by-laws, rules or selection procedure may file a written objection or an alternate petition with attachments with the city clerk in accordance with C.C. 3109.02. No petition presented pursuant to this chapter shall be considered less than sixty (60) days after notice of its filing has been given to residents of the area.

3109.11 - Task force duties.

- The task force named in the petition shall represent the commission area by filing the petition and documents, making any necessary revision of the documents prior to approval, giving notice to the area pursuant to C.C. 3109.03 and instituting the selection procedure, if any, for nominations to the area commission. When nominees have been chosen, in accordance with any such selection procedure, the task force shall certify the results to the mayor and to the city clerk. During the interim between council's approval and the organization of the area commission, the task force may serve the commission area by performing any necessary functions in C.C. 3109.14. As soon as the appointed members organize the area commission, the task force having completed its purpose shall disband and cease to represent the area.

**Our Next Meeting will be
June 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Far East Neighborhood Pride Center**

Topics of discussion for the June 16th meeting will be:

- Discuss by-laws and any revisions or suggestions by the task force members.
- Prepare petition.

If all are present are in agreement of the by-laws and petition, we will move forward to begin obtaining signatures.

**Thank you everyone
for being here!**