



**BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION OR  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



**FORM 140 - PARTY STATUS REQUEST**

Before completing this form, please review the instructions on the reverse side.  
Print or type all information unless otherwise indicated. All information must be completely filled out.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SIMPLY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE HEARING. COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE.**  
(Please see reverse side for more information about this distinction.)

Pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3022.3 or 3106.2, a request is hereby made, the details of which are as follows:

Name:	Gary Blumenthal, GPSA President		
Address:	600 Water St SW, NBU 9-1		
Phone No(s):	202-258-8202	E Mail:	gary.blumenthal@gmail.com
I hereby request to appear and participate as a party in Case No.:		11-03J	
Signature:		Date:	September 22, 2017
Will you appear as a(n)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proponent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Opponent	Will you appear through legal counsel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please enter the name and address of such legal counsel.			

Name:			
Address:			
Phone No(s):		E Mail:	

**PARTY WITNESS INFORMATION:**

On a separate piece of paper, please provide the following witness information:

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the party's behalf;
2. A summary of the testimony of each witness (*Zoning Commission only*);
3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts (*Zoning Commission only*); and
4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case (*Zoning Commission only*).

**PARTY STATUS CRITERIA:**

Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above entity should be granted party status:

1. How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Commission/Board?
2. What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)
3. What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200 ft.)
4. What are the environmental, economic, or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied?
5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.
6. Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other persons in the general public.

Except for the applicant, appellant or the ANC, to participate as a party in a proceeding before the Commission/Board, any affected person shall file with the Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment, this Form 140 not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the hearing.

## **Party Witness Information:**

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the party's behalf;

Gary Blumenthal, current GPSA President, Bob Link, current GPSA Secretary and Jason Kopp, GPSA President at the time of the Phase 1 zoning approval.

2. A summary of the testimony of each witness (Zoning Commission only);

We support the project with reservation about excessive light, excessive noise, construction debris, public foot and vehicular traffic, long-term community sustainability, safe and secure access to our homes during construction, and especially the removal of existing reserved parking area and proximate unloading areas as required for our unique Liveaboard community.

3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any expert be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts (Zoning Commission only); and

N/A

4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case (Zoning Commission only).

Not to exceed 10 minutes

## **Party Status Criteria:**

1. How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest, be affected by the action requested of the Commission/Board?

A long-term waterside community of ninety four (94) households represented by GPSA which lives, works and maintains their floating homes (boats and barges) within the proposed area to be developed.

2. What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)

We are property owners (boats and barges) and Liveaboard slip license agreement holders for the slips we live in within the Marina.

3. What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200ft)

Zero Feet. We live within the proposed area of the Phase 2 PUD being considered

4. What are the environmental, economic, or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied?

The height, light, noise, construction debris, foot and vehicular traffic associated with the re-construction of the Marina and the removal of our long-term designated parking area will all directly impact the Gangplank Liveaboard Community. All of Phase 2 will be happening between our floating homes (re-construction of the Piers) as well as between our direct access to the Southwest neighborhood. We have an interest in ensuring that any zoning relief granted by the Commission does not adversely impact us.

5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.

Reserved designated parking for Gangplank slip license holders is and has always been documented in our license agreement as an included amenity and confirmed with long-term parking enforcement and signage. Living on a floating home (barge or boat) is unique in that it requires unique and constant transfer of possessions from land to water; there is no parallel to this requirement on landside living. This includes clothing, maintenance materials, supplies, safety equipment, and other goods. However, parking and access for dropping off materials and people at the marina are not currently represented in the Wharf's plans. We have been in negotiations with the Wharf for years and have come to many mutual and beneficial agreements but seem to be at an impasse on this point. We request that the mutually agreeable transition plan agreement as required by the Phase 1 PUD zoning approvals process reflect that parking be maintained for liveaboards, that a nearby drop-off location be designated for marina use, and a location be reserved within the parking garages under Parcel 10 for all ninety four (94) licensed liveaboards and other Marina users.

6. Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other persons in the general public.

Gangplank slipholders are the only residents of Southwest DC that reside directly within the redevelopment area. The proposal before the Zoning Commission proposes to strip away amenities, increase costs, and impose burdens on Liveaboards that would not occur if this redevelopment did not occur.

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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Gangplank Slip-holders Association

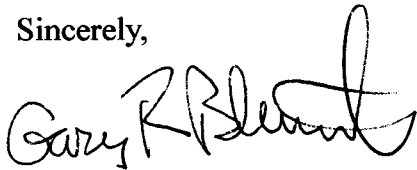
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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned Gangplank Slip-Holders Association Board, hereby authorize Gary R. Blumenthal to act on our behalf in all manners relating to the delivery and filing of "Application for Form 140 - Party Status Request", including submission and signing of all documents directly relating to these matters. Any and all acts carried out by Gary R. Blumenthal on our behalf and of the Gangplank Slip-Holders Association shall have the same affect as acts of our own.

This authorization is valid until further written notice from *Gangplank Slip holders Association*.

Sincerely,



**Gary R. Blumenthal**  
**President - Gangplank Slip-holders Association**



**Joseph Wasiak**  
**Vice President - Gangplank Slip-holders Association**



**Robert A. Link**  
**Secretary - Gangplank Slip-holders Association**

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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Gangplank Slip-holders Association

10/17/2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Gary R. Blumenthal, the undersigned hereby authorize Joseph Wasiak and/or Robert Link to act on my behalf in all manners relating to the delivery and filing of "Application for Form 140 - Party Status Request", including submission and signing of all documents directly relating to these matters. Any and all acts carried out by Joseph Wasiak and/or Robert Link on my behalf and of the Gangplank Slip-Holders Association shall have the same affect as acts of my own.

This authorization is valid until further written notice from *Gangplank Slip holders Association*.

Sincerely,



**Gary R. Blumenthal**  
**President - Gangplank Slip-holders Association**

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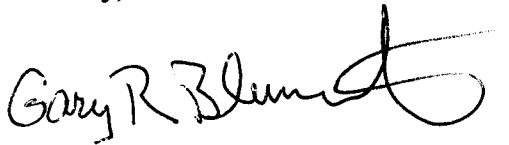
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Gary R. Blumenthal, the undersigned hereby authorize Jean Link to act on our behalf in all manners relating to the delivery and filing of "Application for Form 140 - Party Status Request", including submission and signing of all documents directly relating to these matters. Any and all acts carried out by Jean Link on our behalf of the Gangplank Slip-Holders Association shall have the same affect as acts of our own.

This authorization is valid until further written notice from *Gangplank Slip holders Association*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Blumenthal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Gary R. Blumenthal**  
**President - Gangplank Slip-holders Association**