

Entity Requesting Party Status: *Park Morton Resident Council*
Case No: 16-11

Party Witness Information

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

It is anticipated that the following residents will testify on the Park Morton Resident Council's behalf:

- a. Tamika White
- b. Shawn High

2. *A summary of the testimony of each witness*

- a. The redevelopment of Park Morton is long overdue and is necessary in order to improve the living conditions and long-term opportunities for me and other Park Morton residents.
- b. Bruce Monroe as the Build-First site is the way forward in order to make the redevelopment of Park Morton a reality.
- c. Our residents need quality housing that is not just clean and safe, but also a place to be proud to call home.
- d. We are a part of this community, and while we may not have as much as others, we deserve quality housing like everyone else.
- e. Because the development provides housing opportunities for both low and moderate-income earners up to 60% AMI, we can ensure that residents at Park Morton and others in this community can have an opportunity to live here in a place they can afford.

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*

Both residents listed are leaders in the resident community and have been long-time residents of the Park Morton property.

4. *The total amount of time being requested to present your case*

5 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?*

If the application for Bruce Monroe is NOT approved to move forward, the residents at Park Morton will not have an opportunity for new, affordable housing opportunities in the Park View/Columbia Heights neighborhood and may be forced to continue to reside in their current conditions at Park Morton even longer OR choose a housing option that is outside of the neighborhood.

2. *What legal interest does the person have in the property?*

The Party includes all of the residents who live at Park Morton and represents those residents who may ultimately select a unit at Bruce Monroe for their final move at the completion of Phase 1 (Bruce Monroe).

3. *What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board?*

The Park Morton site is located approximately .5 mi north of the Bruce Monroe site, but the Park Morton residents request party status for this application since they will directly benefit from the proposed development at Bruce Monroe since 1/3 of the units produced will be replacement housing units for Park Morton families.

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?*

If the application for Bruce Monroe is denied, the residents of Park Morton will have to wait longer for new housing opportunities in this neighborhood. Additionally, the Park Morton site as it exists now is poorly designed and does not foster a sense of community with residents outside of Park Morton and has pockets of isolation that create safety hazards for the residents and larger neighborhood. The development of the Bruce Monroe site will allow for 90 families at Park Morton to have access to new, quality, healthy, and affordable housing opportunities in the neighborhood without being displaced.