

Application for Service

Profile

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM): Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

**Appointment to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM), Landmarks Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, & Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF) requires the applicant to be a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach. Please attach a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Voter Registration card with your application. Failure to provide the required copy of the voter registration card shall be grounds for rejection of the application.**

Question applies to multiple boards

**I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)**

No - GJB

Question applies to multiple boards

Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Front)

Question applies to multiple boards

Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Back)

Architect

Occupation

In what area of town do you live?

None Selected

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## Interests/Experience

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

### Why are you interested in serving on the Architectural Commission?

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I am deeply committed to the continued excellence in architectural design and building construction, specifically in relation to scale, quality of detailing, and the choice of materials. These aspects are intricately tied to - and must be in harmony with - the rich architectural heritage of the Town of Palm Beach.

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

### How many meetings of the Architectural Commission have you attended in the last year?

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### Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

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Sometimes in the Month of August when at my residence in France

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

### Do you have any personal experience with requesting approvals from the Town's Architectural Commission? (Please explain)

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Yes: I have submitted projects for approval to the Town of Palm Beach ARCOM in different neighborhoods over the years. Mostly in R-B and R-A Zoning

### Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

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- ☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
- ☒ Other

### Present Occupation

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Architect

### No. of years

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23.5 years

Gerard J Beekman

**Past occupation(s)**

member of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, Member of the American Institute of Architects

**No. of years**

**Please provide details regarding your educational background:**

Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design Bachelor of Architecture (5 year degree) from the Rhode Island School of Design Continuing Education classes at the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM),Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF)

**Do you have a degree in, or have you taken courses in, any of the following fields of study:  
(Check as many as are applicable) \***

☒ Architecture

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

**Are you currently a Registered Architect in the State of Florida?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

**Are you currently a Registered Architect in another state?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

**If So, in which state are you currently registered?**

New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania

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**Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.**

**I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.**

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

### Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Town's Architectural Commission?

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I bring extensive experience to the table, having dedicated numerous years to the field of residential architecture, primarily catering to ultra-high-net-worth individuals. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to work exclusively with clients who prioritize the excellence of design. Prior to establishing our firm, I honed my skills within AD100 firms, each renowned for its distinctive approach to design. My work philosophy revolves around a meticulous examination of the local vernacular, considering the interplay between the buildings I design and their cultural, historical, and physical contexts, including topography. At our firm, we place a strong emphasis on the detailing of classical elements, showcasing a commitment to the highest standards of quality in our work. I am eager to contribute my innate talent for design, coupled with the knowledge amassed over the years, towards guiding architects and individuals seeking to build in the town. I would like to actively participate in the crucial process of ARCOM ensuring a superior quality end product, contributing to the perpetuation of Palm Beach's architectural and urban design heritage. I am enthusiastic about offering my skills to uphold the town's aesthetic and architectural standards.

Question applies to multiple boards

### In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

### To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.

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My office is located on 125 Worth Avenue. I have no direct relatives living on the island. My first cousin Moira Forbes owns a house on the North End.

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

### Ethnicity

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

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☒ Male

### Physically Disabled

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.

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☒ I Agree

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

***Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.***

**Please note that the Board/Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.**

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION (ARCOM)**

ARCOM reviews and approves modifications to any existing structures visible from public rights-of-way, new construction, and landscaping. The seven regular members and three alternate members are Town registered voters appointed by the Town Council. Regular members are appointed for three-year terms and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Members are appointed on the basis of experience in art, architecture, community planning, land development, real estate, landscape architecture, or other relevant business, profession, or civic interest. At least two members, but not more than three members, shall be registered architects in the state. In the event there are, in the discretion of the town council, no bona fide applications who are registered architects in the State of Florida, the town may solicit and appoint architects registered outside the State of Florida to fill one of the architect seats.

## BIOGRAPHY



Gerard Beekman is a licensed architect in multiple states and the president of Madison Worth Architecture, a full-service studio with offices in Palm Beach and New York City. A recipient of a 2021 Mizner Award from the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, Gerard specializes in designing bespoke residential projects for clients with a sophisticated eye for design. He's dedicated his career to designing buildings with impeccable proportions, effortless elegance, and quality of architectural detailing.

Gerard's intimate knowledge of the architecture in Palm Beach and its history positions him to provide leadership on the Commission. His work spans the varied typologies of buildings — from smaller scaled homes in the North End, to condominiums in midtown to mansions in the large estates zone. Gerard has worked on landmarked homes and has formal training in the canons of classical architecture. He believes that while the design process should begin with his clients, their lifestyle and vision for their home, a building must always relate to its context; both in terms of the built-environment and culture.

Navigating the tension between the zoning code's intent and an owner's needs is one of Gerard's greatest strengths. The result is consistently a building that is not only beautiful but also satisfies all parties and is scaled for its site and neighborhood. To date, the construction and renovation projects he has presented to the ARCOM and the Landmarks Commission have been approved without deferrals at their first presentation. Furthermore, Gerard is well-versed in the intricacies of architectural styles and has a love for all those represented in the town's makeup at large. He does not impose stylistic manifestos on his clients and thrives on discussion related to design precedent, and developing buildings with unique, striking appearances. While the foundation of his process lies in his beautiful hand drawings, his firm's work is supported by the study of form using the latest technologies, including 3D printed models and VR animations (used with or without VR headsets).

Prior to founding Madison Worth Architecture, Gerard was an associate at Robert Stern Architects, working on noteworthy commissions in the United States and abroad. Gerard's first introduction to the specificity of design in Palm Beach was at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he worked on a semester-long project for the design of a fictional resort hotel on the five-acre site of the Casa Apava. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Gerard spent two years at Peter Marino Architect, working on the interior architecture of La Reverie for Sidell Miller. At Ferguson Shamamian Architects, Gerard was the project manager for the reconstruction of Maurice Fatio's residence for E. F. Hutton on South Ocean Boulevard.

Gerard grew up in Switzerland and holds US and French citizenship. (Maurice Fatio's grandchildren are his cousins). He and his husband, award-winning filmmaker, Sean Kaminsky, divide time between their homes in Lake Worth Beach, Brooklyn, upstate New York (The Catskills) and their beach home in the Pays de la Loire in France.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President at **MADISON WORTH ARCHITECTURE D.P.C.**

May 2003 - Present

Vice President at **GRAMATAN CORPORATION ARCHITECTURE**

- **167 Seagate Road** residence for Mr. and Mrs. George Merck – 5,500 square feet – new Jamaican inspired island house - landscape by Nievera Williams Design
- **1040 North Lake Way** residence for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garden – 6,600 square feet – full gut renovation and fenestration alterations of Regency Style house - Landscape by Fernando Wong Outdoor Living Design
- **Earl E. T. Smith Memorial Park** new fountain design, park renovation and landscape plan
- **Conyers Farms, Greenwich CT** residence for Mr. & Mrs. Jim Clark – 20,000 square feet - Gut renovation and addition of accessory buildings - Decoration by Steven Gambrel
- **1574 South Ocean Boulevard** residence for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gruss – Renovation and enclosure of entry portico - Interior design by Scott Snyder Inc.
- **2252 Ibis Isle Road** residence for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marks – 6,000 square feet – new International Style waterfront house - landscape by Nievera Williams Design
- **575 Island Drive** residence for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbane – 6,800 square feet - full gut renovation of Island Style house - Decoration by Sara Gilbane Interiors and landscape by Environment Design
- **8 Golfview road** residence for Mr. and Mrs. George Roush at– 9,000 square foot home – New Mediterranean Revival style house (ARCOM approved – not built)
- **1486 North Lake Way** residence of Mrs. Phipps – partial interior remodel
- **401 Antigua Lane** private residence – partial interior remodel
- **Residence on the Main Line, Pennsylvania** - Renovation and addition to historic mansion
- **200 Bradley Place** private condominium – gut renovation
- **1768 South Ocean Boulevard** private residence – partial interior remodel
- **Faena House - 315 Collins Avenue Miami** private condominium – Architect of record for gut renovation
- **850 South Ocean Boulevard** – Architect of record for gut renovation of landmarked house
- **360 South Ocean Boulevard** – Architect of record for gut renovation of condominium
- **1960 South Ocean Boulevard** residence for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wynn – new Master Suite (not built)

Construction Project Manager at **LIVINGSTON BUILDERS, INC.**

May 2003 - Present

- **770 Park Avenue, New York New York** – 5,400 square foot penthouse gut renovation in one summer
- **2644 Bronson Road, Fairfield, Connecticut** – new equestrian estate 30 acres, seven buildings and stables

## RESUME AND REFERENCES

### Associate at **ROBERT A. M. STERN ARCHITECTS**

2007 - 2013

- **Audley Square, Mayfair, London England** – New Seven-story luxury condominium on listed town square
- **Tiffany & Co. By-appointment Jewel Salon** – 1,500 square foot private space in New York Flagship store
- **18 Gramercy Park South** – Reconstruction of an 18-story Georgian landmark and reuse as a condominium
- **Private Residence in Singapore** – New important house inspired by Singapore's "Black and White style"
- **Private Residence in New Delhi, India** – 11,000 square foot 18th century inspired new house
- **50 Curzon Street, Mayfair, London England** – New luxury condominium
- **Miramar Hotel and Bungalows, Santa Barbara** – Five star beach resort in Santa Barbara

### Project Manager at **FERGUSON SHAMAMIAN ARCHITECTS, LLP**

2003 - 2007

- **1768 South Ocean Boulevard** – 32,000 square foot reconstruction of a Maurice Fatio landmarked residence
- **944 Fifth Avenue New York** – 5,500 square foot floor gut renovation
- **Old Fort Bay, Nassau Bahamas** – 8,500 square foot new Venetian inspired villa and accessory buildings

### Junior Architect at **PETER MARINO ARCHITECT**

1999 - 2003

- **1415 South Ocean Boulevard** – New 65,000 square foot house with Smith Architectural Group Inc.
- **Penthouse of the Four Seasons Hotel, New York** – 4,500 square foot tower addition with I. M. Pei
- **Penthouse at Canary Warf, London England** – 3,000 square foot – gut renovation
- **Château de Chantilly, France** - 5 star hotel design for His Highness the Aga Khan

## EDUCATION

### **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence Rhode Island**

Bachelor of Architecture,

Bachelor of Fine Arts

### **International School of Geneva, Switzerland**

International Baccalaureate

**Brown University** -Dietrich Neumann's course on the architecture of Film

**Institute of Classical Art & Architecture** - Courses on the orders of classical architecture and interior detailing

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