



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Agenda

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 4:30 pm**

**Municipal Building**

**625 52nd Street - Room 204 - Kenosha, WI 53140**

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Aldersperson Jan Michalski - Chairman, William Siel - Vice-Chairman  
Peter Shaw Johnson, Royanne Moon, Christopher Naumann, Sue Dyke O'Day and Merike Phillips

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Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Certificate of Appropriateness for public improvements to Civic Center Park at 900 57th Street.  
(Civic Center Historic District) (District 2) PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Staff Comments

Adjournment

*If you are disabled in need of assistance, please call 262.653.4030 at least 72 hours before this meeting.  
Notice is hereby given that a majority of the members of the Common Council may be present at the meeting.  
Although this may constitute a quorum of the Common Council, the Council will not take any action at this meeting.*



**Certificate of Appropriateness for public improvements to Civic Center Park at 900 57th Street. (Civic Center Historic District) (District 2) PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Aldersperson Jenkins, District 2, has been notified. This item will also be reviewed by the Parks Committee.

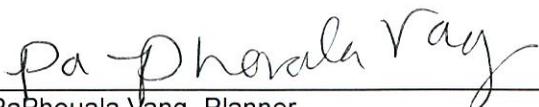
**LOCATION AND ANALYSIS:**

**Site:** Civic Center Park at 900 57th Street

1. Section 15.10 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of public improvements upon public property by any unit of government which changes the character of a street, sidewalk, right-of-way, utility installation, light, wall, wall or fence in a Historic District.
2. The Kenosha Community Foundation (KCF) has requested permission from the City to place a sculpture in Civic Center Park at 900 57th Street. Civic Center Park is within the Civic Center Historic District.
3. The proposed sculpture, "Free to Fly" by Bruce Niemi, was previously located in the cul-de-sac by the Water Utility Production Plant in Kenosha. It was then removed and has been on display out of state.
4. The KCF proposed to place the sculpture in place of the miniature Statue of Liberty, which was removed from Civic Center Park in 2013 and is now on display in the History Center. The miniature Statue of Liberty measures 8'4", while the Free to Fly sculpture measures 12' H x 8' W x 4' D.
5. The old base, a rough sandstone base has not been removed from the park. The Public Works Staff proposes to remove the existing base and install a new concrete pad. The brick base of the Statue of liberty will be removed by hand. Staff is also looking at options to possibly light the statue in the future.
6. The project was reviewed in conformance with Section 15.10 D. of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Standards for Granting Certificate of Appropriateness.
  - a. The project meets Standard 1, "the Historic District, structure or site is used for historic purpose, and, if a new use, will require minimal change to its characteristics."
  - b. The project also meets Standard 2, "the historic character of the district, structure or site is retained and preserved."
7. The project was also reviewed for conformance with the Secretary of Interior Standards and Guidelines and the Civic Center Historic District Preservation Plan and meets the guidelines.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A recommendation is made to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

  
PaPhouala Vang, Planner

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Jeffrey B. Labahn, Director



SHELLY BILLINGSLEY, MBA, PE  
Acting Director of Public Works  
City Engineer

October 28, 2015

To: Scott N. Gordon, Chairman,  
Board of Parks Commission

From: Shelly Billingsley, P.E. *Shelly Billingsley*  
Acting Director of Public Works

Subject: Provide permission to the Kenosha Community Foundation to place a sculpture in Civic Center Park (900 57<sup>th</sup> Street). (District 2)

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

A request from the Kenosha Community Foundation has been received by the City for permission to place a sculpture in Civic Center Park (900 57<sup>th</sup> Street). Attached is the Bruce Niemi sculpture entitled "Free to Fly", which is being proposed. Staff has prepared the attached exhibits to show the proposed location and new concrete pad. The brick base of the Statue of Liberty will be removed by hand. Staff is also looking at options to possibly light the statue in the future.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval.

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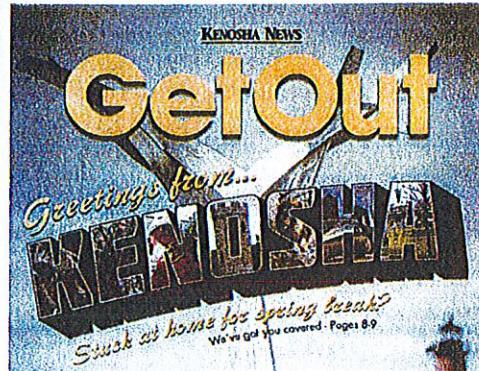
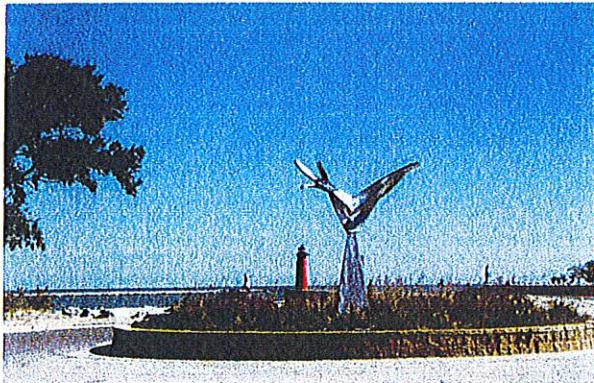
## Free to Fly

Bruce Niemi, Bristol, WI

Dimensions: 12ft x 9ft x 4ft

Medium: Stainless Steel

Weight: 4,200 lbs.



Artist Bruce Niemi on "Free to Fly":

*I created this sculpture because as citizens of the United States we have been blessed by many freedoms through the sacrifice of others.*

*The freedom to create, the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom to realize and live our dreams.*

*This sculpture is my thank you to all who have given themselves so that we are "Free to Fly".*



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**BORN**

February 23, 1956 – Waukegan, IL

**EDUCATION**

1986-1974 Studied under his father, Frank J. Niemi, a self-taught metal sculptor  
 1975-1981 Received a BFA in Sculpture from Northern Illinois University – DeKalb, IL

**AWARDS**

Northern Illinois University Alumni Association - DeKalb, IL  
 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award -College of Visual and Performing Art 2007

**MUSEUMS**

Milwaukee Art Museum – Milwaukee, WI  
 Museum of Wisconsin Art – West Bend, WI

**PUBLIC SCULPTURE**

<b>To Be Held Series</b> Worthington Apartments - Oconomowoc, WI	2014	8.6' H x 2.6' W x 2.6'D
<b>Wind Whisperer</b> Woodward Convention Center, OK	2014	15.6' H x 8' W x 5' D
<b>To See The Wind(wall)</b> Woodward Convention Center, OK	2014	7' H x 21.7' W x 7.6'D
<b>Eye to the Soul</b> Craven Community College- New Bern, NC	2014	10'H x 9.5'W x 5' D
<b>Duet</b> Craven Community College- New Bern, NC	2014	8'H x 1.8'W x 18"D
<b>Emergence VI</b> Wheaton 121 - Wheaton, IL	2013	10' H x 5'4" w x 3'6" D
<b>Full Sail I</b> Wheaton 121 - Wheaton, IL	2013	15' H x 5' W x 4' D
<b>5 Sculptures</b> placed in Opitz Park - Irving, TX	2013	various sizes
<b>Seven, Seven, Seven</b> - Lake Pointe at Las Colinas - Irving, TX	2013	14'6"H x 4'W x 4'D
<b>Always Remembered</b> - Veteran's Memorial - Hanover Park, IL	2012	13' x 4' x 4'
<b>Setting Sun Series</b> Greenfield Community Center - Greenfield, WI	2012	5' H x 6'10" W x 7" D
<b>Tri- Delta Tribute</b> - Tri- Delta Headquarters - Arlington, TX	2011	6' H x 4' W x 11"
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, WI	2011	4' H x 12' W x 9"D
<b>To Be Held</b> - Riverside Hospital- Reflection Garden - Kankakee, IL	2011	7'10"H x 24" W x 23" D
<b>Held Series</b> – City of Bartlett, IL	2011	7'8" H x 2'11" W x 2'6"
<b>Tree of Life</b> - Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshrun Milwaukee, WI	2010	7'4" H x 3' W x 3' D
<b>Cross</b> First Christian Church Kenosha, WI	2010	10' H x 8' W x 8" D
<b>Victory - Coaches Corner</b> – Zion Benton High School - Zion, IL	2010	20' H x 16.5' W x 3' D
<b>Flying Fish</b> - Kernan on North Beach – Jacksonville, FL	2010	10'9" H x 1'9" W x 2' D
<b>The New Beginning Series</b> Kernan on North Beach – Jacksonville, FL	2010	6'4" H x 2'5" W x 2'5" D
<b>Remembered</b> (Memorial) - NIU – DeKalb, IL	2009	17'7" H x 5' W x 8' D
<b>The New Beginning IV</b> Grand Marc – Tallahassee, FL	2009	96" H x 38" W x 27"D
<b>Enveloped</b> Greenfield Public Library – Greenfield, WI	2009	9.9' H x 3'W x 28" D
<b>Soaring Higher</b> Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL	2009	14.5' H x 6' W x 5' D
<b>Standing the Test of Time</b> West Bend Mutual Insurance – West Bend, WI	2008	17'H x 24' W x 8'D
<b>Interim XII</b> -IRS Building – Kansas City, MO	2008	10.8' H x 13.6'W x 10'D
<b>The New Beginning I &amp; II</b> IRS Building – Kansas City, MO	2008	8.5'H x 4'W x 2.4"D
<b>Energy</b> – City of Blue Island, IL	2008	8'2" H x 20"W x 11"D
<b>Held St. Charles Public Library</b> – St. Charles, IL	2008	10' H x 27" W x 27"D
<b>Interim X</b> -Mt. St. Mary's Park – St. Charles, IL	2008	14.5' H x 7' W x 7'D
<b>Emergence III</b> Escena - Palm Springs Classic – Palm Springs, CA	2007	14.5' H x 5'W x 6'D
<b>Living the Dream</b> NIU Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center-DeKalb, IL	2005	17'H x 4.8'W x 5'D
<b>Suzi's Garden Fountain</b> Elk Grove Village Public Library - Elk Grove, IL	2005	52"H x 36"W x 36"D
<b>Conception</b> Frankfort Public Library-Frankfort, IL	2004	14'H x 5'W x 4'D
<b>Rising Sun Series</b> Great Lakes Credit Union - Gurnee, IL	2003	24"H x 80"W x 6"D
<b>Tall Ship I</b> - Inter-National Bank – McAllen, TX	2002	12'H x 4'W x 3'D
<b>Flame</b> - Wausau Hospital - Wausau, WI	2001	16'H x 5'7"W x 5'7"D
<b>Emergence IV</b> - Synopsys, Inc. - Sunnyvale, CA	2001	17'H x 5'8"W x 5'8"D
<b>Cross</b> Lakeland Evangelical Free Church - Gurnee, IL	2001	13'H x 8.5'W x 12"D
<b>Reaching for the Heights</b> City Hall - Chicago Heights, IL	2001	15'H x 8'W x 8'D
<b>Torch</b> Cary Academy - Cary, NC	2000	15'H x 4'W x 4'D
<b>Imagination Takes Flight</b> Lake Villa Library - Lake Villa, IL	2000	10'H x 15'W x 15"D
<b>Interim VIII</b> - City of Cary - Cary, NC	1999	16'H x 7'W x 6'D
<b>Essence of Dance</b> Mesa Library - Los Alamos, NM	1997	12.5'H x 5'W x 6'D
<b>Transforming</b> Sudling Jr. High School - Palatine, IL	1997	5'H x 14'W x 12"D
<b>Eternal Flame War Memorial</b> - DAV - Worth, IL	1993	20'H x 8'W x 7'D
<b>Interim I</b> - Kane County Courthouse - St. Charles, IL	1993	16'H x 20'W x 16'D
<b>Holy Spirit Flame</b> Lutheran Church of All Saints - Fox Lake, IL	1993	15'H x 8'W x 6'D
<b>Praise</b> Phelps Tool & Die - Kansas City, MO	1994	17.5'H x 8'W x 5'D
<b>Peace</b> College of Lake County - Grayslake, IL	1994	12.5'H x 4'W x 3'D
<b>Vernon Hills Village Hall Wall Sculpture</b>	1989	6'H x 12'W x 8'D
<b>Vernon Hills (Flag Design)</b> Vernon Hills, IL		

**EXHIBITIONS (upon request)**

**COLLECTIONS (upon request)**

**PUBLICATIONS (upon request)**



