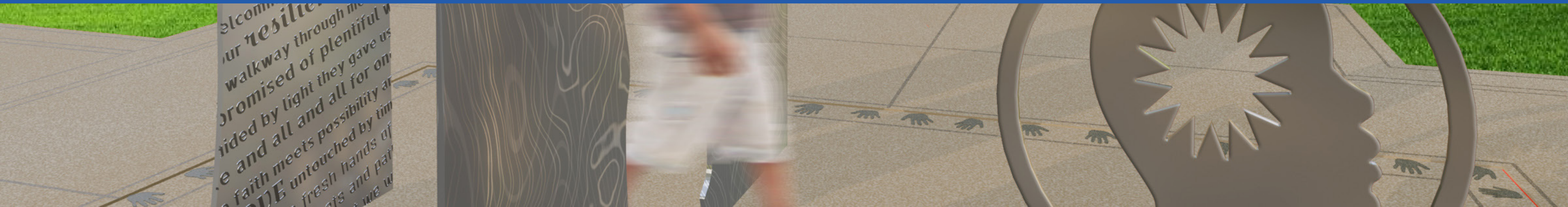




PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL

Lincoln Park Memory Walk

Prepared by Dina Fisher, September 2025
for City of Rockville, Cultural Arts Commission



DINA FISHER - Artist Bio

Melding the passion of a life-long artist with professional discipline from a commercial design career, Dina's public art engages communities with novel design and poetic communication of complex ideas. From interactive sculpture to commemorative memorials, each project celebrates site-specific culture and history.

Recent Public-Art Highlights

Getty Center, Los Angeles –
Interactive shimmering sculpture

Denton, Texas –
Park sculptural installation honoring civil rights activists

Burbank, California –
Sound sculptures and playful mural

Research, Community Engagement

Working closely with stakeholders and administrators, Dina hones imagery that speaks to their community's dreams and aspirations. Her process begins with deep discovery, immersing herself in local history and culture.

Durability

Through collaboration with engineers and using incredibly durable materials, Dina's art survives hurricane-force winds, harsh weather, and unpredictable human interaction.

EDUCATION

- BA in documentary photography
- Graduate studies at the Art Institute of Chicago
- Dina currently teaches younger artists through a public-art grant

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Concept

Transforming memory into sculpture

Commemorative silhouettes honor Lincoln Park's founding families. The woman's long dress and man's working hat harken back to humble beginnings. Etched words on the woman's figure preserve Lincoln Park's guiding principles, passed down through generations. Behind them, a tower of circular symbolic icons rises, each representing core values that have sustained the community to this today. The installation invites parkgoers to walk among the sculptures, forging intimate connection to Lincoln Park's past and future.

LONGEVITY, DURABLE MATERIALS

- Incredibly durable 316 stainless steel
- Designed to survive centuries
- No coatings that fade
- Endure across generations

CORE COMPONENTS

- Commemorative Silhouettes
- Founder's Values
- Engraved words
- Icons tower, founding principles
- Community hand prints
- Educational website for local teachers

Welcoming Past and Present

Human representations the simultaneously acknowledge Lincoln Park African American history, while welcoming newcomers.

- Shape of woman's hair subtly recalls history rooted in emancipation
- Face profile on icon carefully crafted for racial inclusion



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Community Values & Symbolic Meaning



North Star

- Ethical guiding light, and historical
- Underground railroad, navigation to safety

Hand with Heart

- Brotherly love and mutual aid
- Welcoming newcomers

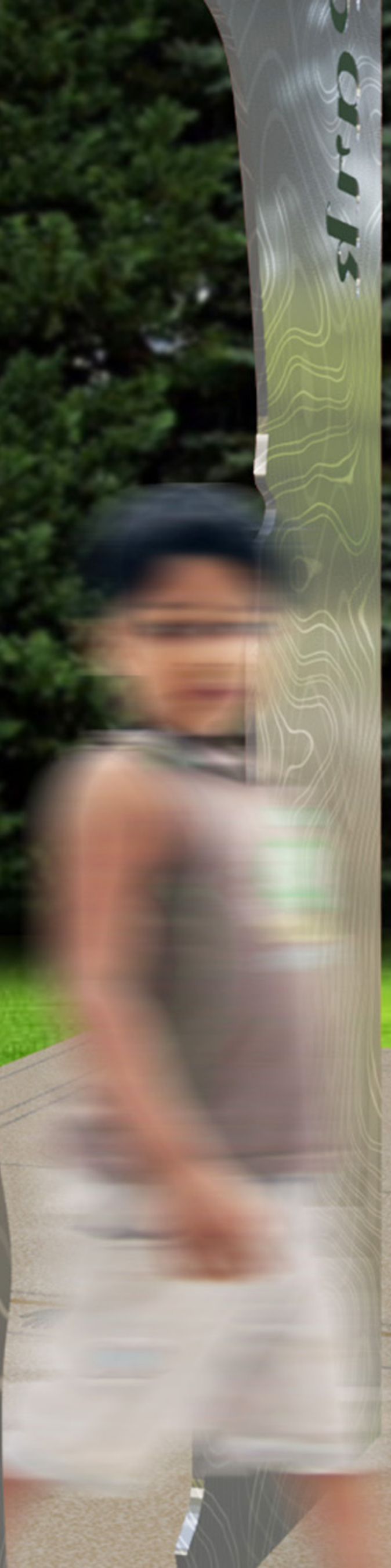
Dove

- Enduring symbol for faith
- Historic role of churches and Lincoln Park

Illuminated Mind

- Importance of Education
- Lincoln High School

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Community Engagement

Artist works closely with stakeholders throughout entire project.

- Project Start – artist stays several days in Lincoln Park
- Open Meeting – community members give input on proposal
- Follow-up Meetings – artist gathers more feedback, artwork is thoroughly vetted by neighbors and stakeholders
- Collaboration – Artist proactively contacts key community members, descendants of founding families, public art staff, and other stakeholders

Prior Success

Community engagement was invaluable on prior projects— notably on artwork honoring maverick civil rights activists in Texas.

- Family photo albums
- Local historians and librarians
- Surviving activists gave crucial feedback

COLLABORATION

Words and phrases engraved on woman

Values and symbols for tower

Content for educational website

Collaborative Content Creation

Community Guidance

- Selection of ideas and intention
- Work with neighbors, local writers

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Community Hand Prints

Giving Back What Was Lost

- New and long-term residents alike
- Bring a fresh generation into the family fold

DRAFT BUDGET

Fabrication/materials	\$48,000
Delivery	\$1500
Concrete	\$2700
Installation	\$10,000
Engineering.....	\$2000
Travel.....	\$2000
Insurance	\$800
Artist Fee	\$23,000
TOTAL	\$90,000