

## “THE GUARDIAN”

This solar powered monument stands guard, to protect and announce to the world our reverence for the environment and our dedication to human discovery and advancement. We create symbols, and our symbols mold and create who, and what we value.

Sited in the Arena Green West Park, the two white granite pillars sparkle in the sun, exhibiting an eternal presence rooting it to the earth, while harboring and protecting a giant stainless steel Helix, representing human discovery and advancement. The Helix rises upward bursting into the sun-light to form the giant circle of life, providing the solar energy for the elevator. The stair case in the center of the Helix is housed in glass and steel climbing eighty five feet to the sky plaza. Stained glass windows in primary colors adorn the two pillars, the staircase housing, and circular Helix.

Inside the monument the steel beamed structure is visible, revealing an interior space that is a mystical sanctuary, evoking the magic and the spirit that fosters human innovations. The weaved patterns of the stainless steel beams appear to be alive with the flickering colored light that filters through the stained glass windows. The weaved steel framing is the strength and anchor of “The Guardian” and is a metaphor for the human interactions that intersect, creating the events that form a person, city, and culture. The glass and steel elevator located on the east inside wall provide access to the sky plaza, along with the stair-case for the public to enjoy the city scape and the hills beyond. Along the base of the inside walls, granite seating provides a place to stop, sit, and contemplate the magical spirit that washes over you.

One hundred twenty-five feet high, and oriented to the rising and setting sun, “The Guardian” is alive with colors and textures, sun and shadow outside and inside, creating movement in the ever changing natural light. There is abstract symbolism found in random patterns throughout, creating a dynamic life-giving feeling, like nature.

At night “The Guardian” sparkles jewel-like with solar powered LED purple and blue lighting. An anchor to our earth, solar powered protecting nature, celebrating the culture of innovation and human advancement, inviting people into a mystical place to participate in a meaningful way, reminding us that all is born from earth’s treasures.