



Healthy Neighborhoods Update

Healthy Neighborhood: West Park

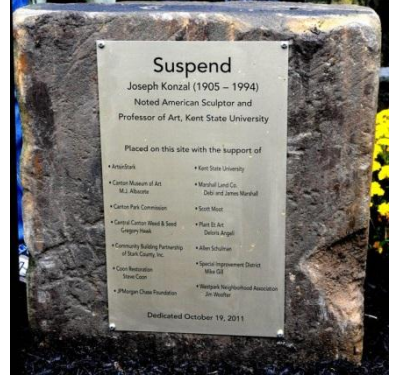
Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase Foundation and ArtsinStark, **“SUSPEND”** is one of six resident inspired art projects in CBP’s six targeted revitalization neighborhoods. The goal of this effort is to partner local professional artists with residents to define the image of their neighborhood through displays of public art.

Unlike other CBP neighborhoods, the residents of West Park used a different approach in defining their neighborhood. After several suggestions and new ideas the residents decided to rescue a piece of art entitled “Suspend.” Through the assistance of Councilman Greg Hawk and artist, Deloris Angeli the idea of rescuing the art piece was presented to the West Park board. It was determined that moving and repairing the piece was the route the neighborhood wanted to take for their project. In order to acquire, move, and renovate the piece there was certainly a collaborative effort put forth. WP resident, Carol Shaheen described the piece as “linking arms,” which defines who we are (West Park). This description not only defines West Park as a neighborhood but the numerous individuals that made this project a reality. Through art this project allowed West Park to continue beautifying their neighborhood.

“Suspend” has some history in Canton. It once took residence at the Cultural Center, in the Downtown area, and then for one reason or another ended up by a salt mill on the SW side of the City. “Suspend” underwent renovations to the body of the structure and is now placed at the West Park garden along 12th Street NW in Monument Park. The plot, owned and operated by West Park is a staple to the neighborhood. Due to the high visibility of the location and the meaningfulness to the Association the garden was chosen as the best location for the piece. The residents of West Park have agreed to maintain the structure as they continue maintaining their beautiful garden plot.

To commemorate the accomplishments of so many involved with the project a dedication took place on October 19th. During the dedication, residents, CBP funders and stakeholders, as well as community members came together for a small ceremony, plaque unveiling, and a time for reflection and celebration.

There are so many wonderful stories that have happened through this process. So many in fact we can’t begin to share them all. These stories came about because residents invested their Time, Effort and Money into their neighborhood. We look forward to future stories because of their effort.



West Park Neighborhood Association

For more information about “Suspend,” additional programs offered through Community Building Partnership or to become a TEAM member in your neighborhood, please contact:

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