

CURVE

NEW SCULPTURE PROPOSAL

MAMIE "PEANUT" JOHNSON PLAZA

WASHINGTON, DC

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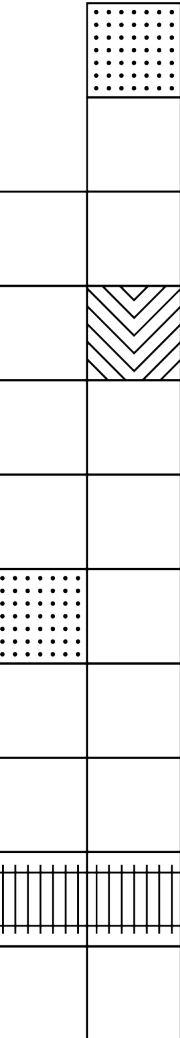
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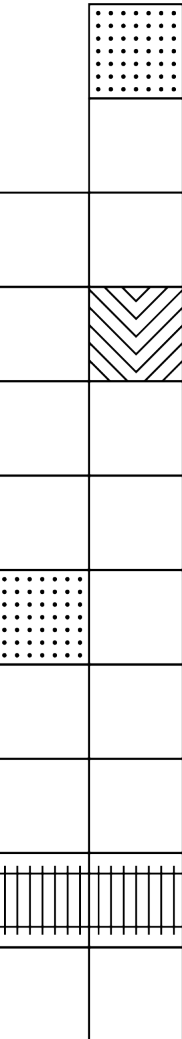
About *Curve*

- *Curve* is designed by local DC artist Rania Hassan.
- The sculpture will be located in the westernmost plaza of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson Plaza at the intersections of New York Avenue, Florida Avenue and First Streets NE, opened in June 2025.
- The artwork will be placed atop a 4’ tall base, installed separately by the NoMa BID, within an existing 20’ diameter landscaped and rimmed concrete planter, all acting as psychological deterrents to climbing.
- The sculpture will sit at the SW intersection of Florida Avenue NE and First Street NE. This is in Parcel 1 of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson Plaza.



Summary from January 22 Meeting

- The Commission expressed strong support for the sculpture, and provided the following comments:
- *The Commission recommended further articulating the entwining of the metal bands on both the inside and outside surfaces of the sphere.*
- *The Commission suggested further analysis of the spherical geometric composition.*



Existing Conditions

Site view of *Curve* location



Figure 1: Artwork Site: Circular Landscape Planter, looking SE down Florida Ave NE

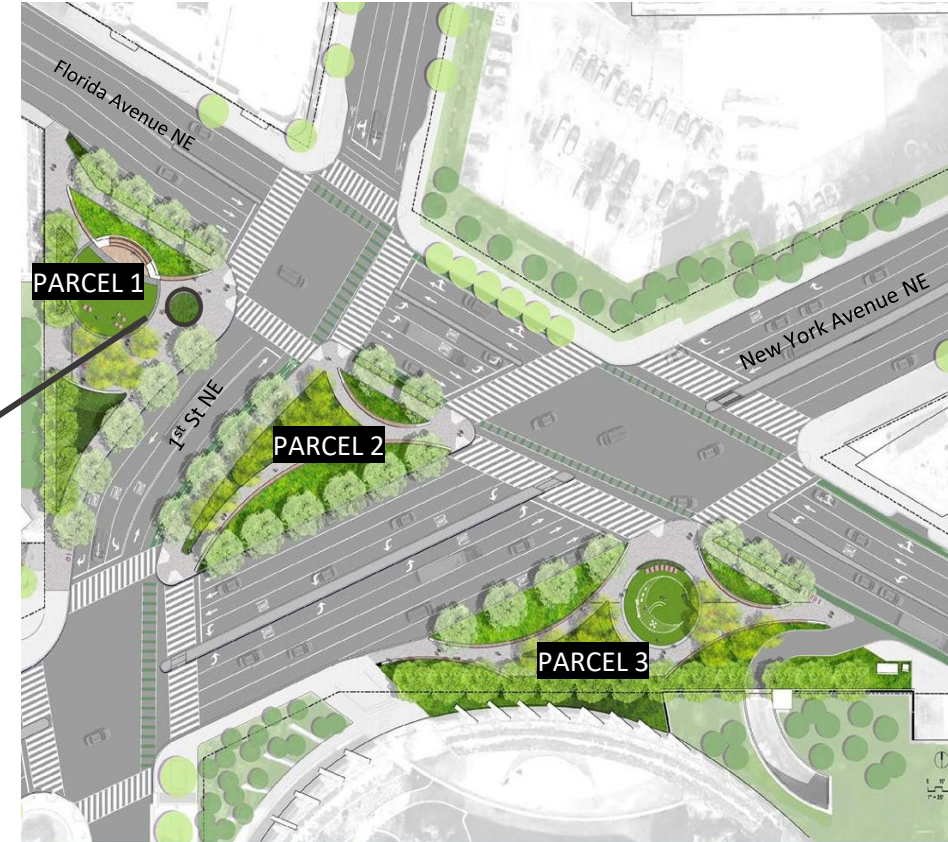
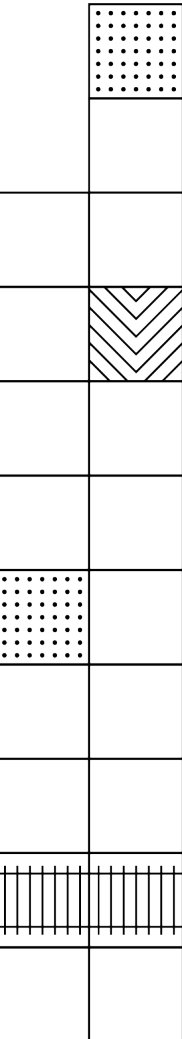


Figure 2: Location within Mamie "Peanut" Johnson Plaza



Curve
aerial view
location



Curve
by Rania Hassan

design
inspiration

This sculpture honors Mamie “Peanut” Johnson’s extraordinary legacy by combining her two impressive careers in sports and healthcare into one bold sculpture titled *Curve*. Known for her powerful curveballs, she broke barriers on the mound with skill and determination. After baseball, she continued her trailblazing path as a dedicated nurse serving her community for over three decades at Sibley Hospital in Washington, DC.

Curve references Johnson’s signature pitching style in its sweeping circular motion and is made of one continuous line forming an infinite loop. The woven lines trace the path that threads follow in baseball stitching and echo the intertwined forms of the nursing symbol—symbolizing the strength and unity of her two remarkable careers.

The sculpture represents connection, threading her story into the fabric of the surrounding community and offering a reminder of how one woman’s journey can inspire many others.



Symbolic Inspiration for **CURVE**



12' high



North View
from First Ave NE



NW View
from First Ave NE



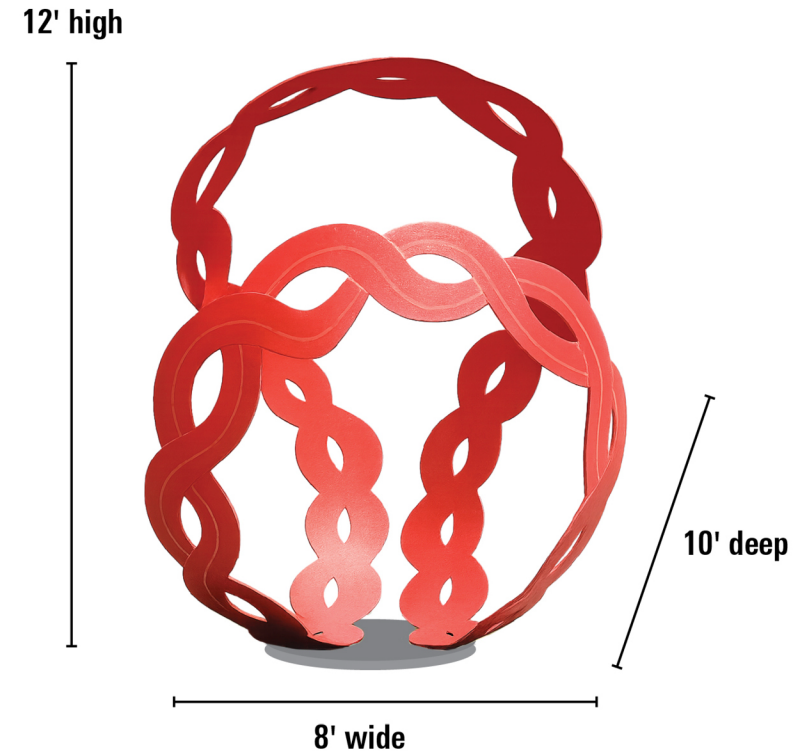
SW View
from Florida Ave NE



SE View
towards Florida Ave NE

Curve fabrication

Curve measures 12 feet high, 8 feet wide, and 10 feet deep. It will be fabricated from ½-inch-thick carbon steel, chosen for its strength, durability, and ability to hold precise cuts and welded seams. The outer edges of the inner plane will include ¼-inch sidewalls, as determined by the engineer, to ensure stability and long-term strength. The sculpture will be finished in a high-performance, industry-standard polychrome paint in bright red, accented with custom pinstriped linework painted in a second lighter shade to highlight overlapping stitch pattern.



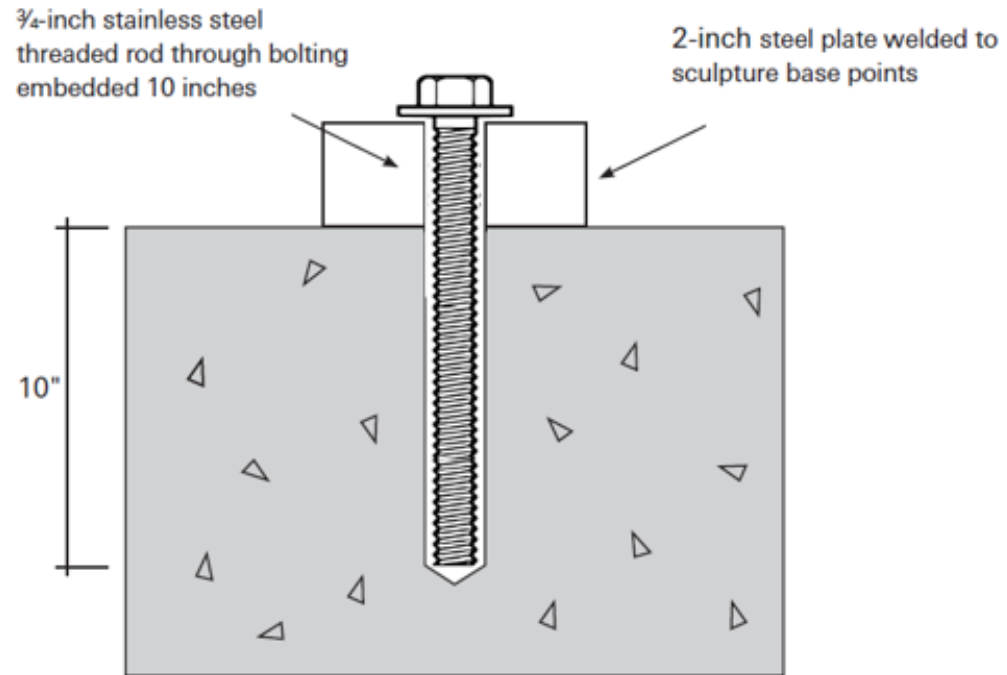
About *Curve*: Fabrication Details

Material: “Curve” will be fabricated by the ART Research Enterprises foundry from carbon steel, selected for its strength, durability, and ability to hold precise cuts and welded seams. Metal components will be waterjet or laser cut, welded, assembled, and prepped for paint. The sculpture will include ¾-inch sidewalls on the inner plane of the piece as determined by the engineer to ensure stability and long-term strength.

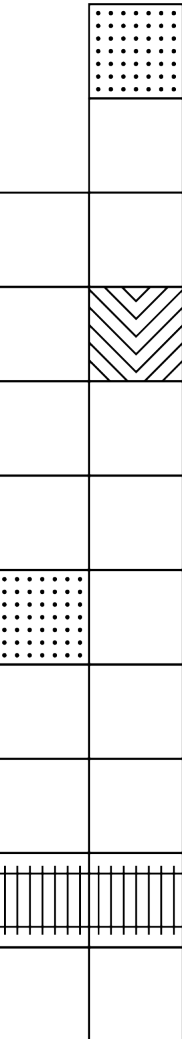
Color: The sculpture honors excellence in baseball, our significant and American sport, and therefore will be coated in a high-performance, industry-standard, polychrome paint in a single color of bright red, with custom pinstriped linework in a second color.

Size: Due to its dynamic curves, depicting the roundness and trajectory of a moving ball, and the sinews of the international symbol of nursing, the sculpture will be seen uniquely from every angle. At its largest dimensions, “Curve” will measure approximately 12 feet tall, 8 feet wide, and 10 feet deep.

Base: At the footprint of the piece, the sculpture has two base points to be welded to 2-inch steel plate bases, which in turn connect to the 6' x 6' x 4' feet concrete sculpture pad. Each steel plate base has four ¾-inch holes, with a ¾-inch stainless steel threaded rod through bolting embedded 10 inches into the pad. EXP Engineering company will be overseeing the installation for the NoMa BID, who will install the base separately.



Connection to Sculpture Base



Curve fabrication

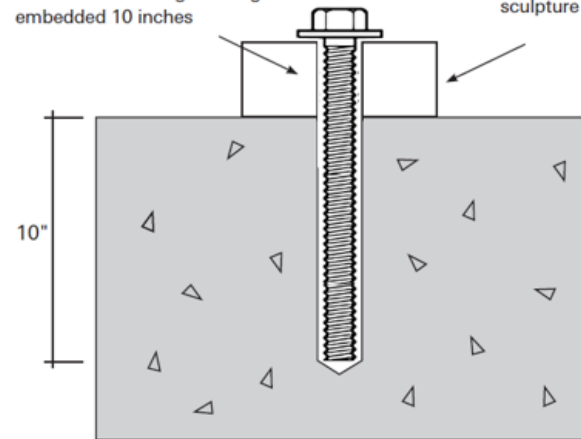


The outer edges of the inner plane will include $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch sidewalls to ensure stability and strength.



$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch stainless steel threaded rod through bolting embedded 10 inches

2-inch steel plate welded to sculpture base points



Artwork will be connected to sculpture pad at two base points welded to steel plate bases.

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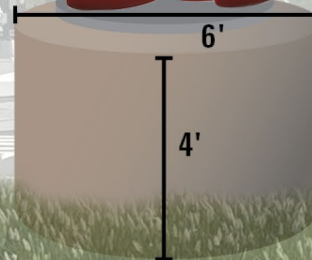
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Curve
installation

***CURVE* installs into a
4' high x 6' wide x 6' deep
sculpture pad**



5'7"
Person
for scale

**The sculpture pad is inset 7' from
edge of raised landscaped circle**

Curve

View North from
First Ave NE

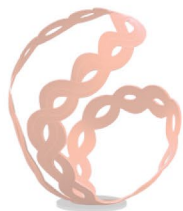


Curve

NW View from
First Ave NE



Curve
SW View from
Florida Ave NE



Curve

SE View towards
Florida Ave NE



Curve
in rotation



View North from First Ave NE



NW View from First Ave NE



SW View from Florida Ave NE



SE View towards Florida Ave NE

Curve

at night
SW View from
Florida Ave NE

Lighting will be
installed within
the landscaping
surrounding the
sculpture.





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