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## Dr. William U. Pearson Park Sculpture Dedication Set For Friday, July 17

Free Event - 9:00 a.m. - Located at 1625 West Carey St., Las Vegas, NV

### "Reach" (2009)

*by Dayo Adelaja, Sylvester Collier, Denise Duarte, Adolfo Gonzalez and Vicki Richardson - fabricated by Richardson Construction*

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." - George Washington Carver (Inscribed on the base of the sculpture.)

**Construction:** The design is fabricated from steel and extends 16ft high from its concrete base.

**Artists Statement:** The finalized design was developed from our original concept initially presented to Commissioner Weekly. In original early discussions with the Commissioner, he shared his desire for and vision of a monumental sculpture that would be inspiring, uplifting and show community pride. With this in mind, the design team immediately went to work by first selecting a quote that embodied each of these aspects of hopefulness and neighborhood determination.

Our goal was to show strength, connectedness and the desire to reach higher with our expectations. The steel construction material was chosen to indicate strength with the ability to be flexible as seen in the intricate bending design. The two flame-like shapes that speak to each other symbolize both the flame of knowledge and the flame as life-giver. Their swirling dance stretches higher, just as we strive in our aspirations to reach higher and find our full potential. Their very tips represent our fragile dreams that are supported by the strength of others who have come before and our community of fellowship. The barely visible painted images of people and hands indicate that we do not reach these heights alone, but by helping one another, nurturing our children,

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supporting and lifting each other up and honoring our elders. Our destinies are intertwined much like these flames are intertwined, forever “reaching”.

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