

Artist Statement

M L King Boulevard Arch _ (Look-up and dream!)

I have always had a fascination with architecture, in particular columns and arches. The arch is a powerful symbol that denotes an entry or new beginning, in this case to/for the South End of Jackson.

The three supporting columns and the glass patterns near the top derive their inspiration from details in the architecture of the surrounding neighborhoods. Each column is intentionally different to reflect the diversity within the community. At the top, the columns are 'unified' with the 'Y' shaped lintel that supports an illuminated 'orb' that represents our collective hope and dreams.

Facts about this proposal:

- The columns are 18'0 tall and made from W16-26# wide flange steel beams.
- **The column inserts are ¾" x 6"** cast glass panels of various lengths. They will vary in intensity with the available light.
- The 'orb' is fabricated from layers of laser-cut 1" SAR Acrylic sheet corrected for ultra-violet light. At night, the layers will refract the light and it will glow!
- The sculpture is light from the bottom at the center with three LED spot lights that most importantly illuminate the 'orb' and the other features become secondary.

