



A new Paradise Valley park includes rock walls with eight bronze medallions depicting aspects of Sen. Barry Goldwater's life, including aviation, photography and his run for the presidency.

Park symbolism paints a portrait

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PARADISE VALLEY — Landscape architect Michael Dollin strolled the grounds of the new Barry Goldwater Memorial in Paradise Valley and was pleased.

"It feels good. It feels like we have come a long way here," Dollin said.

The once flat and vacant 1-acre lot at the northeastern corner of Tatum Boulevard and Lincoln Drive is now filled with native plants, rolling paths, benches, rock walls, a small waterfall fountain and other features anchored by a 10-foot-tall bronze statue of the late U.S. senator and Arizona statesman.

Dollin's Phoenix-based Urban Earth Design firm was hired by Paradise Valley to design the memorial park. The project's general contractor was Tempe-

based Valley Rain Construction.

"It's been a great partnership between the town, and I really am grateful they've allowed us to be as creative as we wanted to be here," Dollin said.

Eight bronze medallions depict various aspects of Goldwater's life, from photography to his run for the presidency 40 years ago. The medallions are installed on rock walls of honor designed to resemble Southwest Native American ruins. The walls are made of sandstone and river rock.

The walls are angled to evoke the idea of flight and to extend the impact of the statue on the site, Dollin said.

Mayor Ed Lowry said his favorite features are the walls and the bronze medallions.

"It does have a wonderful look and feel to them. The medallions

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Goldwater memorial statue dedication

Saturday's 10 a.m. dedication of the Goldwater memorial will force the closure of Lincoln Drive at Tatum Boulevard and the rerouting of traffic around the area to accommodate shuttle service.

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- Street closed
- Shuttle route
- Detour routes



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bring in a lot of the different aspects of Goldwater's career and life," he said.

Dollin's firm designed the bronzes, which were fabricated and sculpted by Arizona Bronze in Tempe.

Five quotation bands, or spirals, have been inserted into the ground and are made of Arizona onyx. They feature

quotes by Goldwater.

The site has five benches, including three made of sandstone, and a seating wall.

More than 50 varieties of desert plants dot the site, which also has a butterfly and hummingbird garden.

Motorists who pass by will be able to see the imposing statue of Goldwater, which faces southwest.

"We want it to be a civic

space," Dollin said. "Clearly, it's a place of honor and memory, but also it's a delightful place for celebrating our wonderful Arizona environment. And also honor the life of a man who really appreciated that."

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