

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality

Valerie Castile's Ongoing Advocacy



Photo Credit: Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

"I think it's important to have the garden because it's a statement from the community…" - Valerie Castile

Valerie Castile, who is the leading force behind the Friends of Philando Castile Peace Garden initiative, also leads the Philando Castile Relief Foundation. She champions impactful policies like the **No Shame At School Act** and **Free Meals For All**, and integrates gun-safety guidance into Minnesota's Driver's Manual spmcf.org/blog/philando-castile-peace-garden

The Peace Garden space continues to be a beacon of reflection and ongoing social justice commitments.

Walking the Path



Photo Credit: Philando Castile Relief Foundation

Also, nearby at the State Fair, you can also see the Philando Castile bench at the corner of Nelson Street and Carnes Avenue across from the Giant Slide. GPS Coordinates are: 44.980085000000003,-93.172201000000001
philandocastilefoundation.com/in-the-news

The Garden's Cosmogram

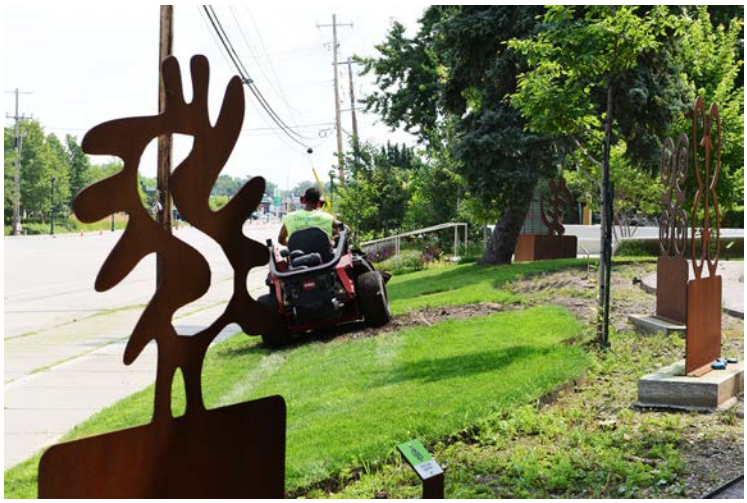


You will find West African Adinkra sculptures placed throughout the Peace Garden. However, in the middle of the garden you will find a circular seating area with a cosmogram.

This is a symbolic representation of the universe and marking Philando's life — alignment between birth (sunrise) and death (sunset), five steps representing the five shots, a bench angle referencing his position in the car—crafted to invite deep reflection

The site's architectural framing is purposefully intentional making it a dynamic and visible response to his passing along a road where thousands pass by each day.

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The upkeep of the Peace Garden is an ongoing process – from lawn mowing, watering the grounds, cleaning the sitting area and sculptures, etc. Although we accept volunteers year-round, we still have ongoing costs associated with the Garden. Your generous donations are what keep us thriving. As a reminder, we have a new donation link, to donate today visit our website: philandocastile-peacegarden.org and click "Donate" to get started.

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