

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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Note: Items on the Agenda not considered due to time constraints are automatically continued to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting [AMC 2.04.030.E.]

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Akins called the Business Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hyatt lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilors' Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger, DuQuenne, Jensen and Moran were present.

IV. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Study Session of April 5, 2021
2. Business Meeting of April 6, 2021

Hyatt/DuQuenne moved to approve the Minutes. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

VII. MINUTES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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| Airport | Budget | Conservation |
| Historic | Housing and Human Svcs. | Parks & Recreation |
| Forest Lands | Climate Policy | Cost Review |
| Planning | Public Arts | Transportation |
| Tree | Wildfire Mitigation | |

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Business from the audience not included on the agenda. The Mayor will set time limits to enable all people wishing to speak to complete their testimony. [15 minutes maximum]

See note above for how to submit testimony for Public Forum.

Sugeet Posey – Spoke regarding water crisis. He spoke that the TID reservoir are at all-time lows. Suggested building storage for drinking water. He spoke to the importance of being proactive. He spoke in concern of drought.

IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Adam Hanks gave the City Manager Report.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointment of Cassie Preskenis to the Public Arts Commission

Seffinger pulled this Item. Council discussed the appointment process. Seffinger suggested to bring this appointment back to the next meeting when a process was in place. Council discussed the past and current process.

Jensen suggested to confirm a process before going further with this vote.

Council discussed the appointment process.

Graham/Jensen moved to approve Preskenis to the Public Arts Commission and to revisit the Commission Appointment Process. Discussion: Council discussed the importance of the process. **Roll Call Vote: Graham, DuQuenne, Moran, Seffinger, Jensen and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of "Marking Ashland Places" Public Art Installation in Railroad Park

Jennifer Corio presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation (*see attached*).

Jensen/Seffinger moved to approve the selected design for the ‘Hub sculpture’ of Phase 2 of the Marking Ashland Places (MAP) project. Discussion: None. **All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approval of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program for the Ashland Municipal Airport

Voice vote to this item. Discussion: None. **All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Persons wishing to speak are to submit a “speaker request form” prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Public hearings conclude at 8:00 p.m. and are continued to a future date to be set by the Council, unless the Council, by a two-thirds vote of those present, extends the hearing(s) until up to 9:30 p.m. at which time the Council shall set a date for continuance and shall proceed with the balance of the agenda.

1. Public Hearing on the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Award and Action Plan Development

Hanks introduced Housing Program Specialist Linda Reid.

Reid gave a Staff report.

Hyatt/DuQuenne moved to direct staff to draft the 2021 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds reflecting the award of CDBG funding for the 2021 Program year as follows: \$270,170 to Options for Helping Residents or Ashland Housing Match Program \$25,000 to Maslow Project School Based Services. Discussion: Hyatt thanked the organization for the work they do for the Community and to Staff. DuQuenne thanked Staff and the Commission. Seffinger spoke in appreciation. **Voice Vote: All Ayes.**

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Akins moved up ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

1. First Reading of Ordinance No. 3197; Creating the Social Equity and Racial Justice Commission; Adding New AMC Chapter 2.20

Public Input:

Emily Simon – Ashland – Spoke regarding clarifications in the Ordinance. She suggested instead of the term “Transgender and Gay” the wording should be LGBTQ+.

Xuba Evaristo – Ashland – spoke regarding the rally on Sunday. He spoke urging Council to move forward with the Commission. He spoke that he has 165 signatures in support.

Lohman brief Staff report.

Council discussed language changes to the Ordinance.

Council thanked Lohman for his hard work on this issue.

DuQuenne/Seffinger moved I move approval of First Reading of draft Ordinance No. 3197 with the following changes discussed. Discussion: Seffinger spoke that this is a historic day. She spoke in support to the motion. Graham spoke in support of the motion. Jensen questioned the process for appointing new commission members. **Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Moran, Graham, Jensen, Seffinger, DuQuenne: YES. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of a Professional Services Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for Pioneer Hall and Community Center Facility Improvements
Public Works Director Scott Fleury gave a Staff report.

Council discussed options.

Jensen/Graham moved to approve of two professional services contract with Marquess and Associates for preliminary engineering in the amounts of \$11,048 and \$35,720. Discussion: Jensen spoke in support of the motion and it is important to move forward with diligence and clarity. Graham spoke in support of the motion and spoke to the importance of moving forward. Seffinger spoke in concern as the projects being seen as one project. She spoke that she is not comfortable with this motion. Moran spoke that he will not support the motion. He spoke that the amended scope needs to be looked at. He spoke there can be less expensive ways to deal with the issues. Hyatt spoke that she is struggling with the numbers.

Fleury explained that the City needs to follow the building state historic resources procedures.

DuQuenne spoke that she could not support the motion. Hyatt spoke that she would support the contract.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Graham and Hyatt: YES. DuQuenne, Moran and Seffinger: NO. Mayor Akins: NO. Motion failed 3-4.

Moran suggested to listen to constituents and a revised scope and bring back to a future meeting. Hanks spoke that he will look into bringing this back to a future meeting.

Council directed Staff to bring this topic back to Council.

3. Food & Beverage Tax Allocation Ordinance Update
Hanks introduced Finance Director Melanie Purcell.

Purcell gave a Staff report.

Moran spoke regarding his concerns with the budget. He spoke regarding the Food & Beverage tax and how it is to be used.

Hanks explained how Food and Beverage tax monies were utilized.

Graham/Hyatt moved to direct Staff to bring back to Council information the benefits of retaining funds of food and beverage in keeping with the proposal put forward. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agreements with HdL Companies for Food & Beverage Tax Administration and State of Oregon Department of Revenue for Transient Lodging Tax Administration

Hanks gave a brief Staff Report.

Jensen/Graham moved to approve the three-year agreement with HdL Companies for Food and Beverage tax administration and Business License Fee administration services commensurate with the \$10.00 per processed account per year proposal in year one and increasing by \$1.00 per account per year for years two and three. Discussion: Graham thanked Staff. Hyatt thanked Staff and in support of the motion. Moran questioned the cost of programs verses the cost of a ¾ employee. Purcell explained that the position is currently vacant.

Hyatt/Graham moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Seffinger called for the question. Voice vote: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Social Equity and Racial Justice Resolution Discussion and Approval of Flying Juneteenth Flags on June 19, 2021

XIV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

1. First Reading of Ordinance No. 3197; Creating the Social Equity and Racial Justice Commission; Adding New AMC Chapter 2.20

2. First Reading of Ordinance No. 3196; Relating to Chronic Nuisance Properties;
Amending AMC 9.18.020

XV. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Akins

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Railroad Park HUB Sculpture

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The members of the American Society of Mountain Bicyclists
are grateful to the City of Golden for the use of the
Golden Mountain Bicyclists' Club as a meeting place.





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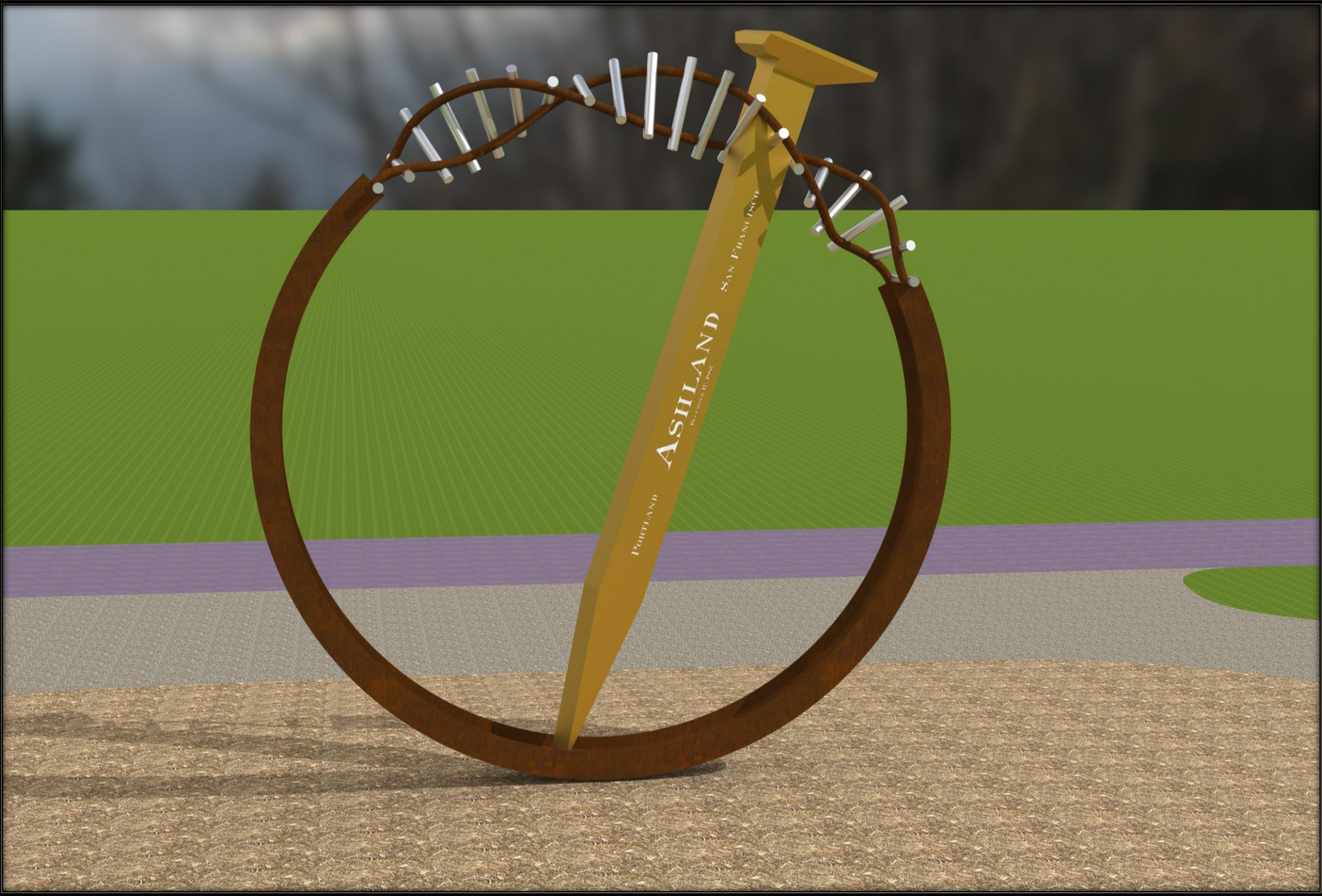
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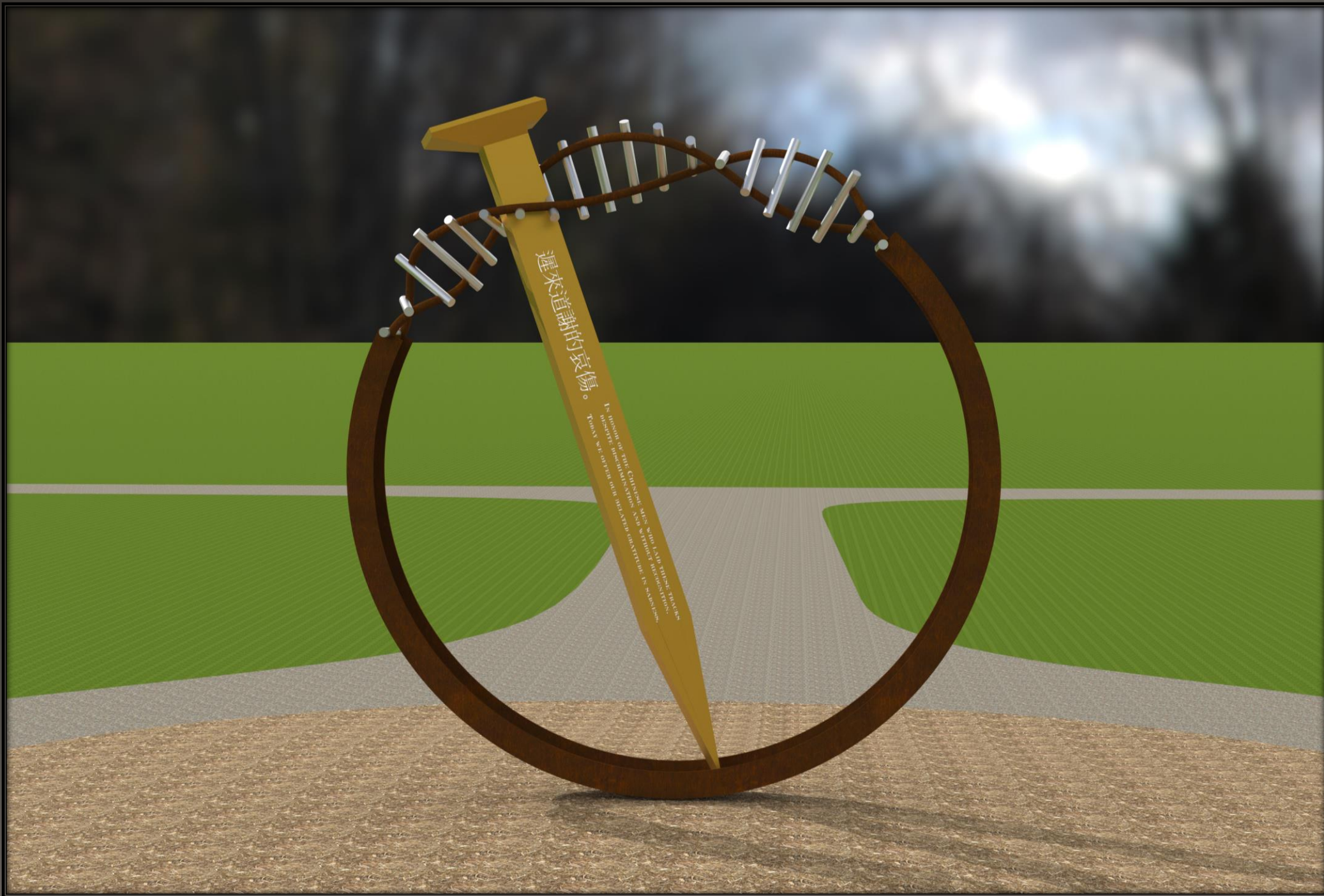
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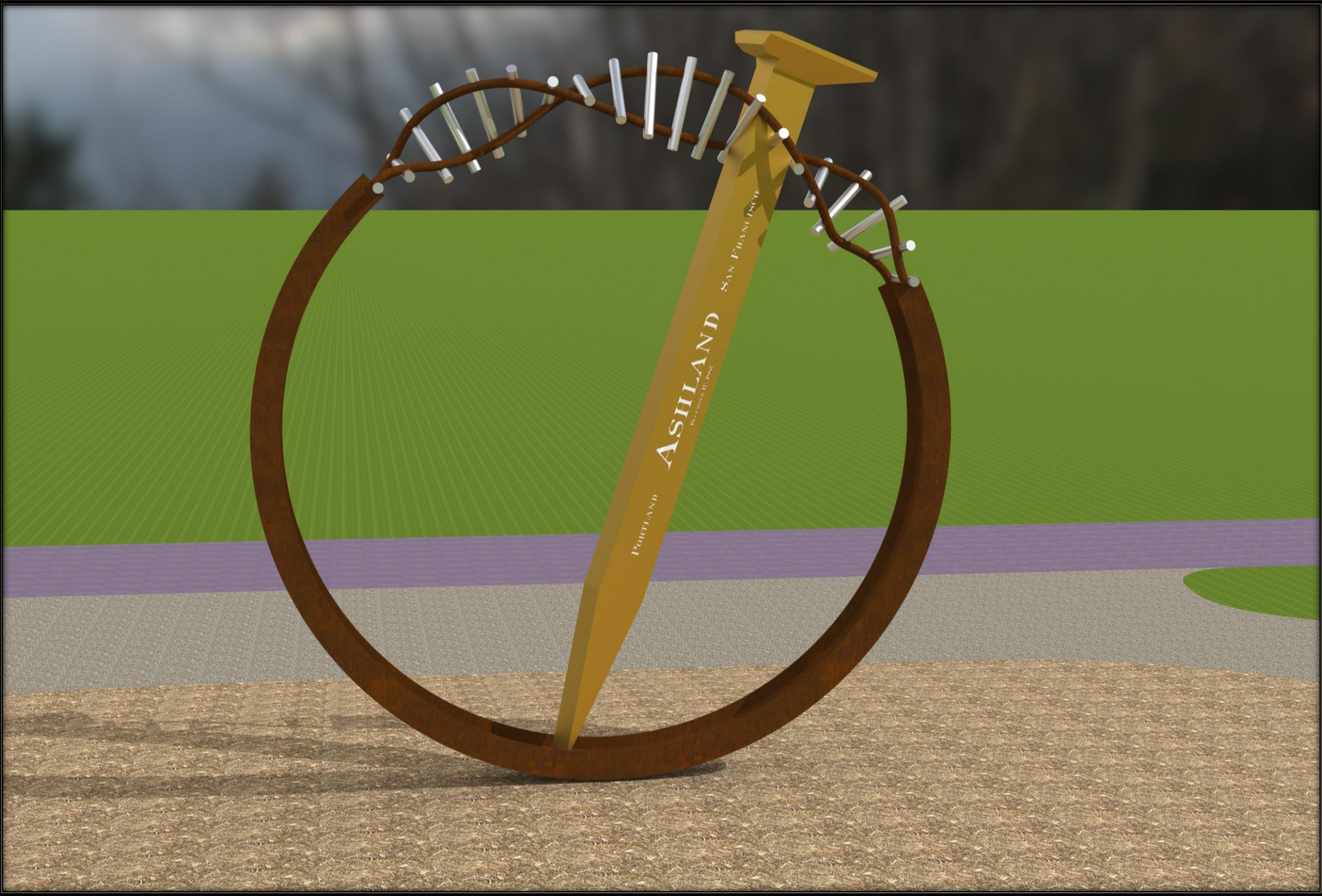
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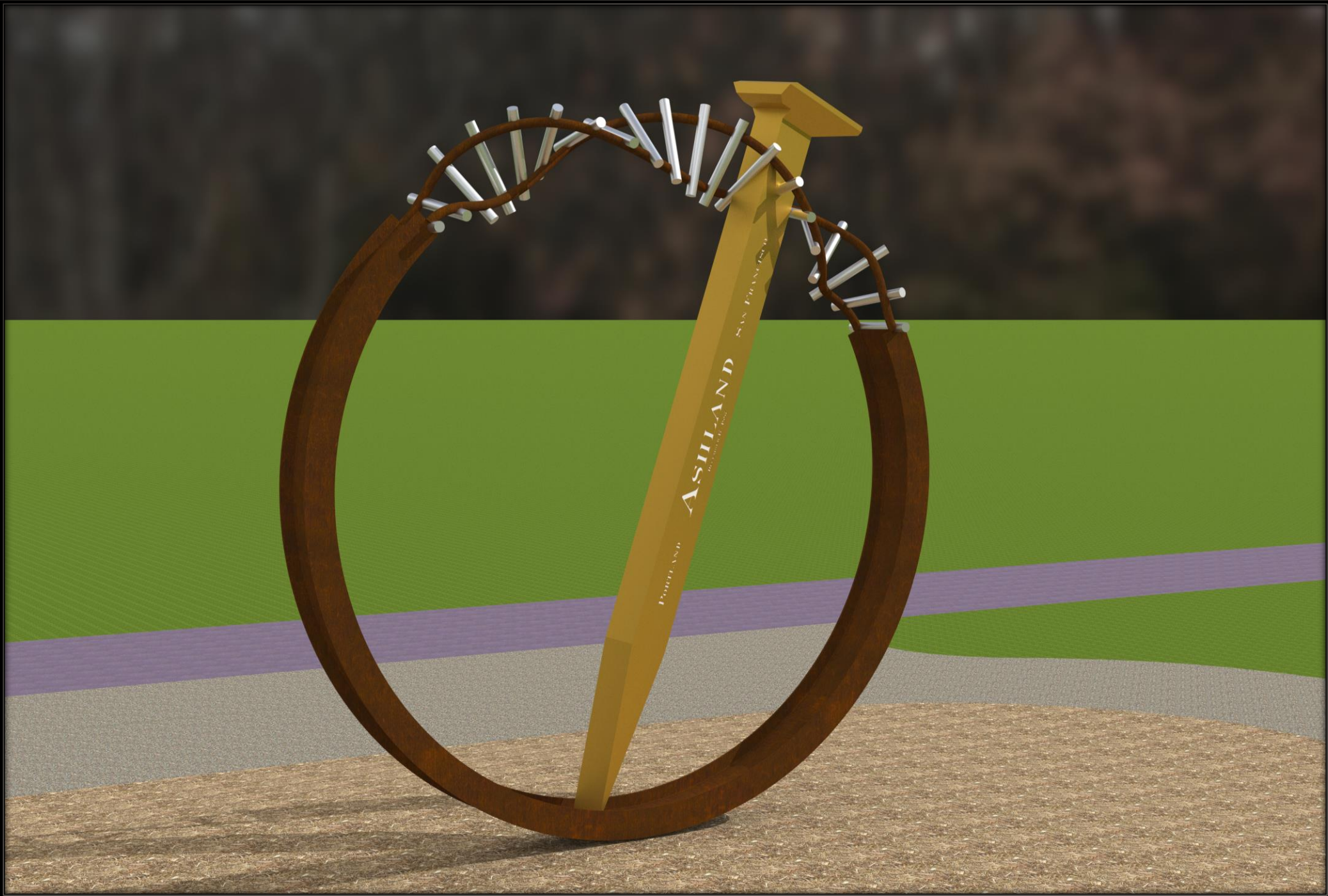
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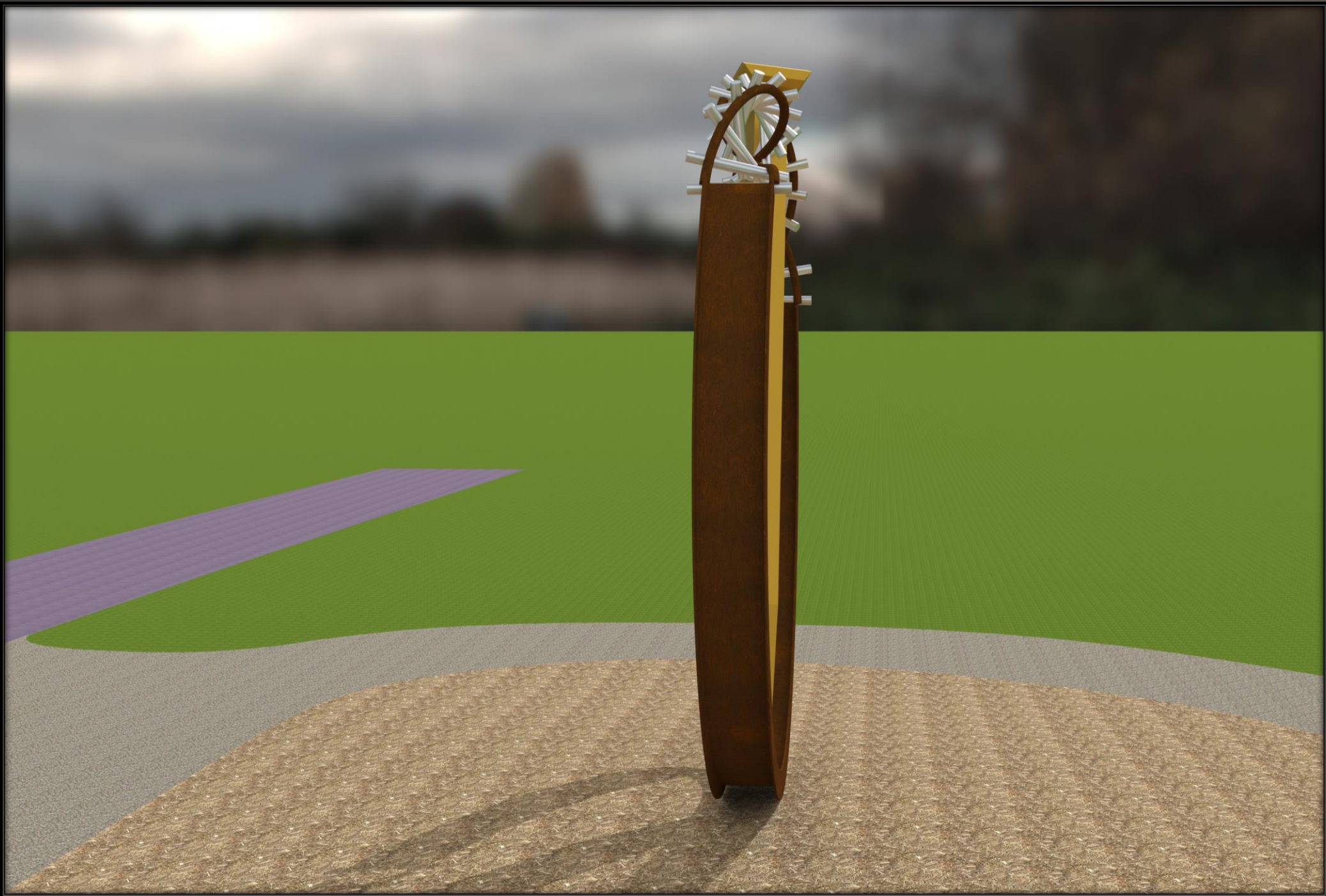


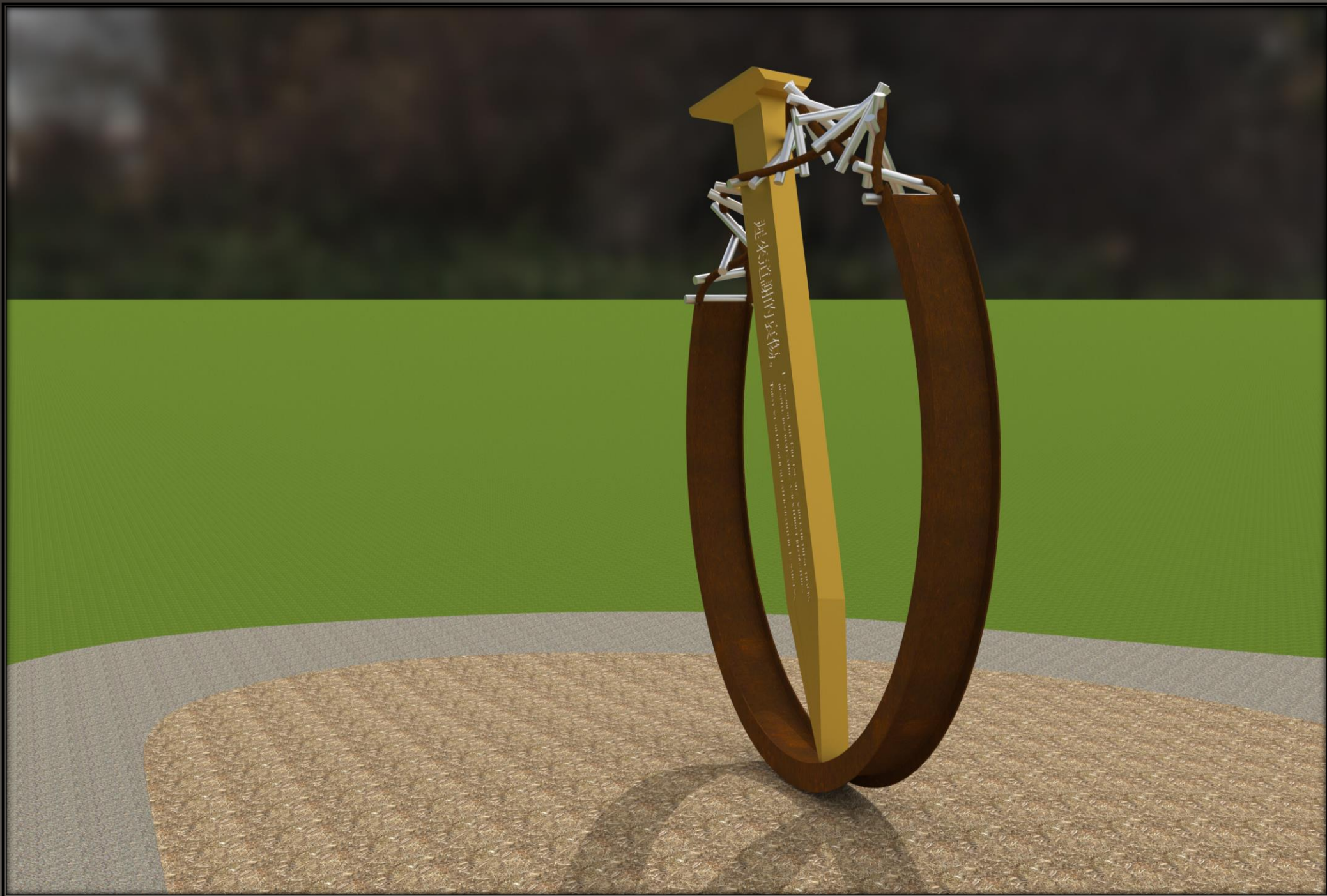


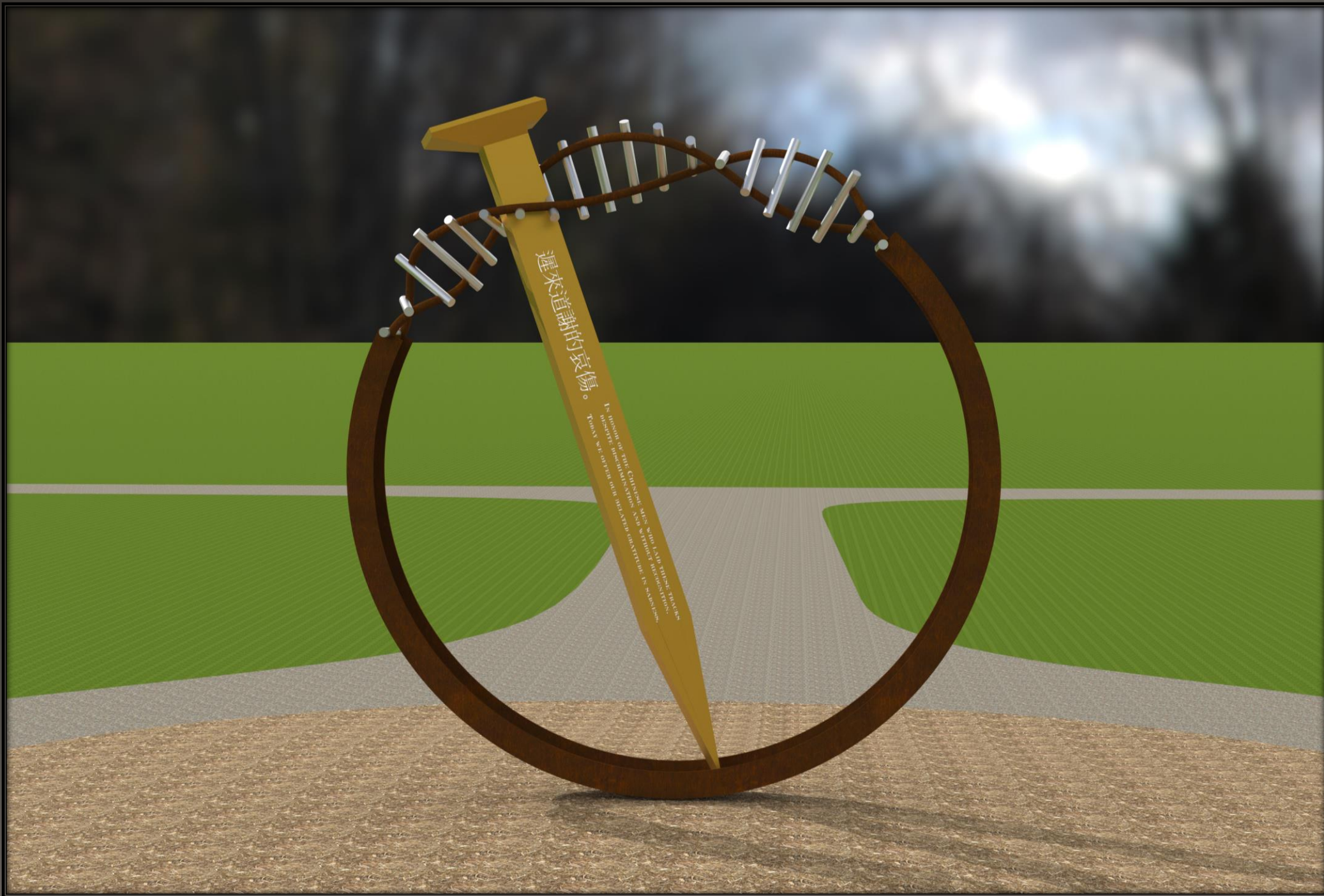


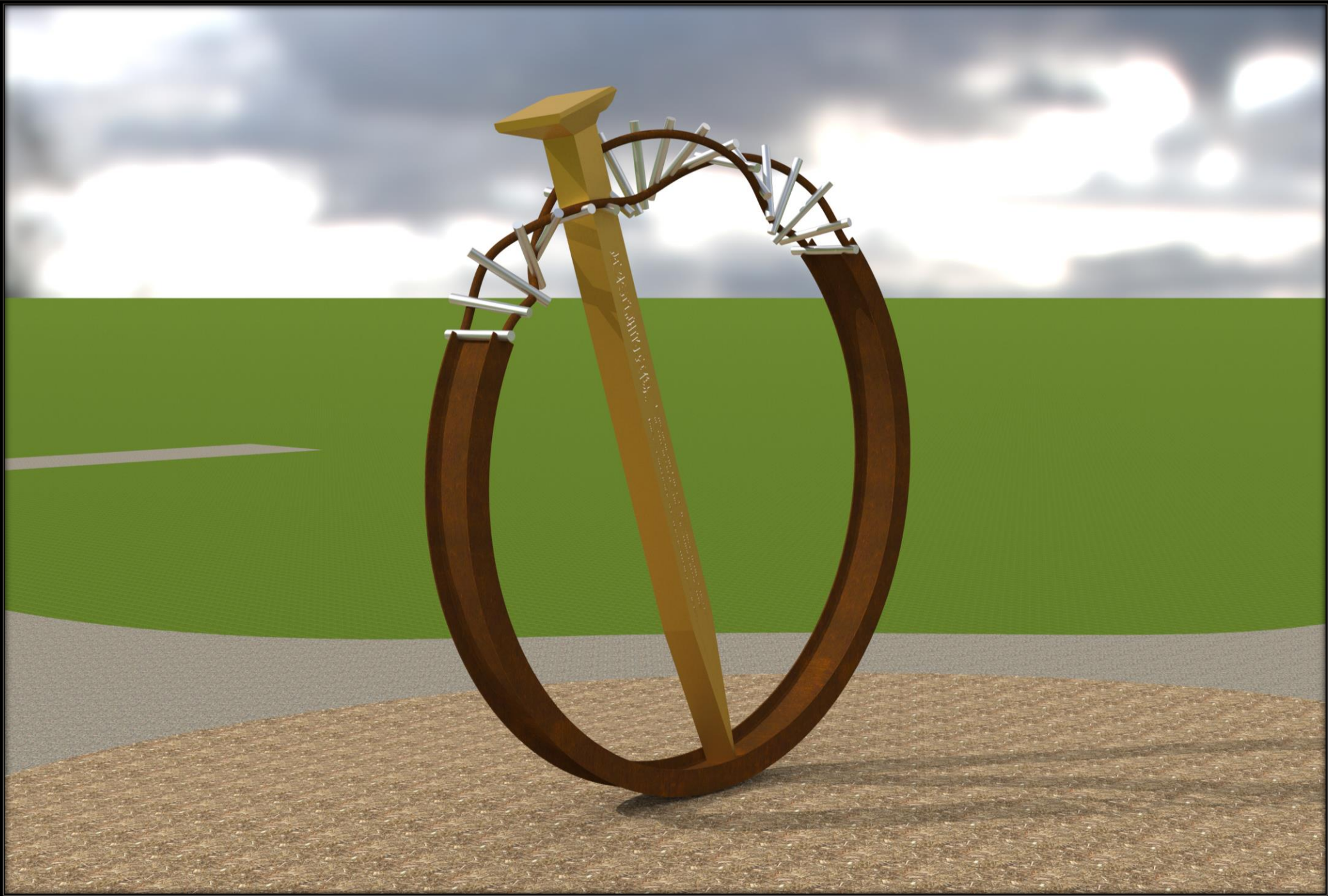


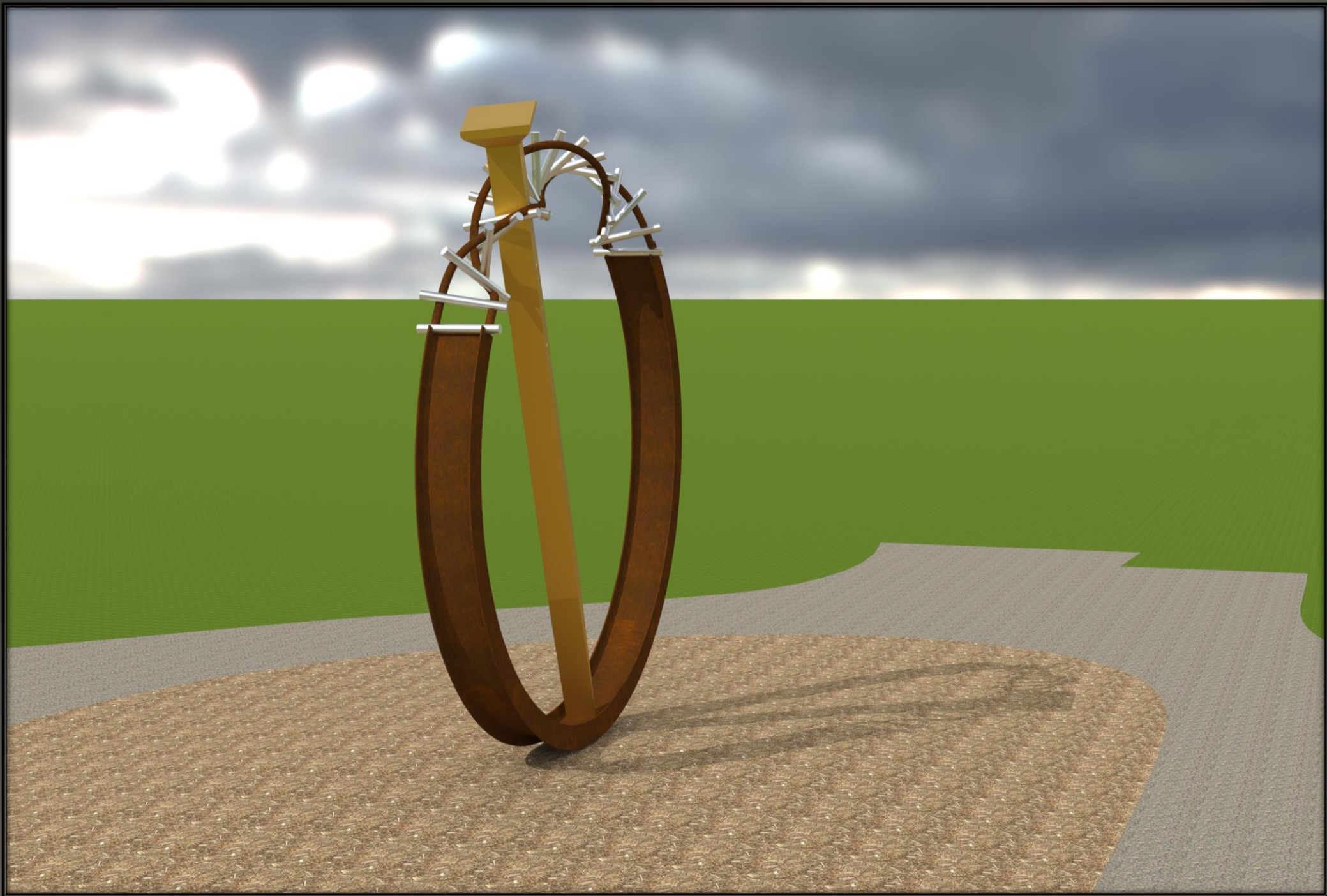


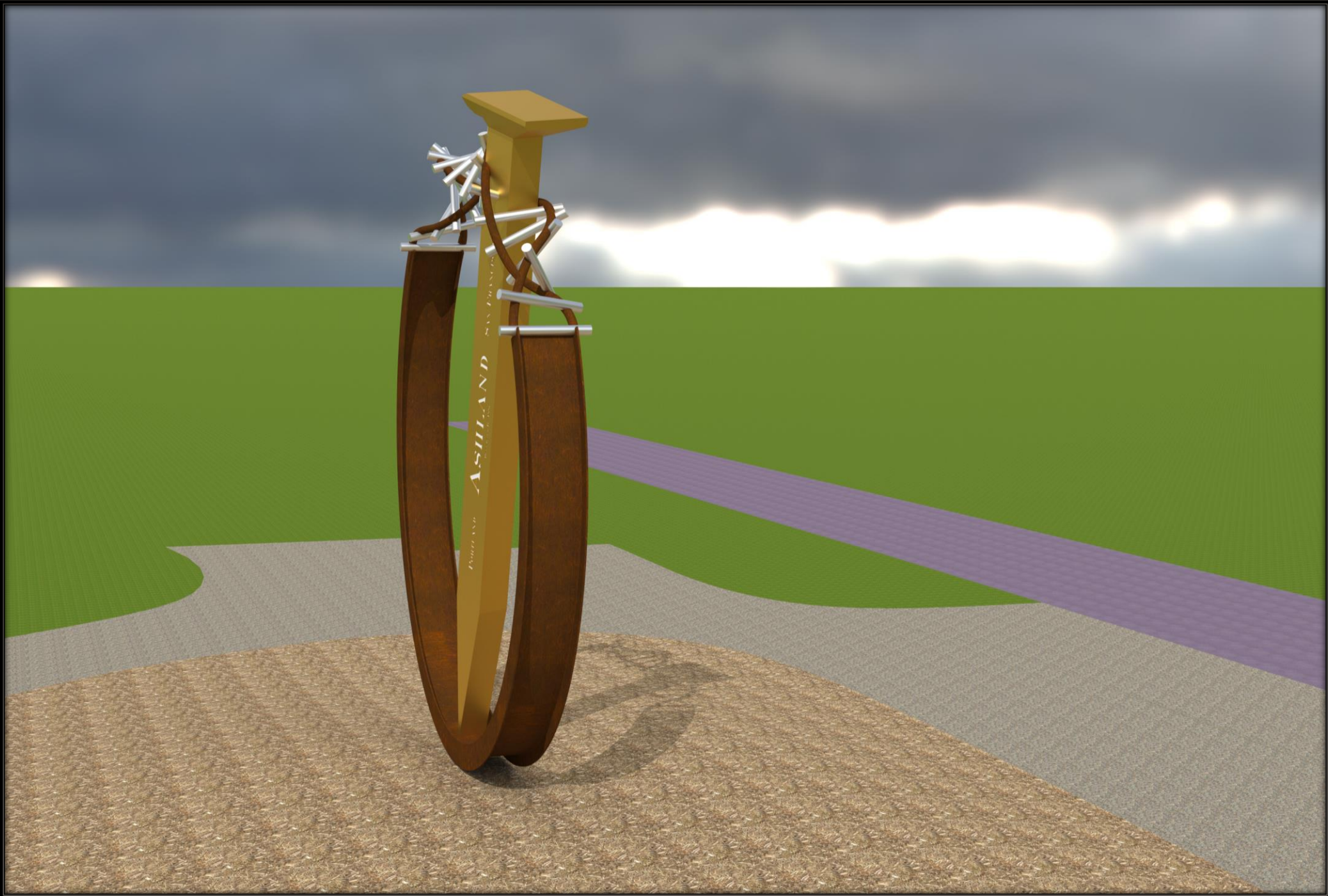
















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In response to the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in 2011, the Japanese government and the Japanese people have shown a deep sense of responsibility and solidarity. The Japanese people have shown a deep sense of responsibility and solidarity.



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DECEMBER 17, 1887



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IN HONOR OF THE CHINESE MEN WHO LAID THESE TRACKS
DESPITE DISCRIMINATION AND WITHOUT RECOGNITION.
TODAY WE OFFER OUR BELATED GRATITUDE IN SADNESS.

HONORING the CHINESE | GETTING the MESSAGE RIGHT

RESEARCH: CONTRIBUTION from OTHERS

- Meiwen Richards:** Ashland resident, board member of SOCCA, Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Int'l Business and Culture, and more.
- Dr. Jiyu Yang:** Chinese scholar, calligrapher, artist, musician, teacher
- Chelsea Rose:** Historical archeologist, faculty at SOU, Laboratory of Anthropology (SOULA), travelled to Guangdong village where many of the Ashland area railroad workers were from.
- David Lei:** Entrepreneur, community leader, philanthropist, he gifted a dragon float to SOCCA from the SF Chinese new year parade. Featured on the 2017 documentary "The Chinese Exclusion Act"
- Chuimei Ho:** Chinese American Historian and Author, co-editor and webmaster of the 'Chinese in Northwest America Research Committee' website.
- Bennet Bronson:** Chinese American Historian and Author, co-editor and webmaster of the 'Chinese in Northwest America Research Committee' website.
- Sue Fawn Chung:** Chinese and Chinese American historian, Professor Emerita of History at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, author
- Jennifer Hubbert:** Professor, Anthropology and Asian Studies, Chair of Dept of Sociology and Anthropology - Lewis & Clark College
- Gordon H. Chang:** Co-director of the Chinese Railroad Worker Project. American historian and author. Professor and vice provost at Stanford University.
- Dongfang Shao:** Historian, professor, researcher at Stanford University, Chief of Asian Division, Library of Congress in Washington, DC in April 2012
- Min Kuang:** Friend, Finance Dept at Washington State University - Vancouver
- Amy Lee:** Friend, librarian

Connection and Collaboration

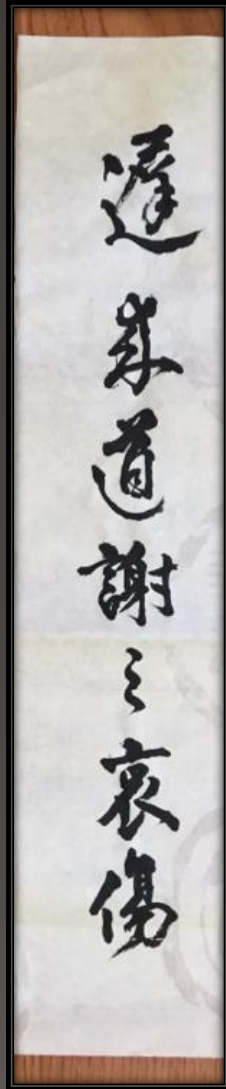
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Professor Jiyu Yang - Chinese scholar, artist, teacher, calligrapher

In honor of the Chinese men who laid these tracks
despite discrimination and without recognition.

Today we offer our belated gratitude in sadness.



Calligraphy by Professor Jiyu Yang

THANK YOU