



“Wings in Flight” History

Thanks to Jeremy Grimm for researching our HIA historic documents and finding the origin of the “Wings in Flight” sculptures. From what Jeremy found, the sculptures originally stood at the intersection of 7th Street and Winged Foot. When 7th Street was widened, the sculptures were removed and subsequently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas R. Haug in 1988 (it is assumed that the Haug’s were Hillcrest residents at the time). The Haug’s then donated the sculptures to the Hillcrest Improvement Association.

The artist’s name was Frank Fitzgerald who, at the time, was the Sculpting Instructor at Glendale Community College, then went on to be the Head of the Fine Arts Department at GCC. Mr. Fitzgerald said the sculptures were *“Made for the street Winged Foot to say: a new neighborhood, a new feeling-a visionary feeling of excitement, a winged abstract and tie in with the Phoenix Bird rising out of the ashes.”* (sic).