

EvacuSpot stick-figure sculpture says 'Throw Me Somethin Mister'

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The EvacuSpot stick figure says Throw Me Somethin Mister (*Doug MacCash / NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune*)

The [EvacuSpot sculpture](#) on Rampart Street near Armstrong Park has been decorated with Mardi Gras necklaces and a sign reading "Throw Me Somethin Mister." The artwork was commissioned by [Evacuteer](#), the nonprofit behind the sculptures, to celebrate the project's first Carnival.

The Evacuspots were designed by Cambridge, Mass., artist Douglas Kornfeld and erected in locations around the city this spring as hurricane evacuation signposts, highlighting official meeting places where one can find a safe ride if a mandatory evacuation of the city is ordered.

From the beginning, the figures were meant to be community beacons. And, the Carnival sign is apparently attracting attention. Many are posting photos of the sign-holding sculpture on social media.

Elizabeth Zibilich, a New Orleans costume designer, learned that Evacuteers was seeking artists to costume one of the sculptures, submitted her plans and was selected. Zibilich said that her Evacuspots costume includes solar-electric panels that power Christmas lights within the costume after dark.

The EvacuSpot figure on Saturday morning stood by as an empty parade rolled downriver on Rampart Street heading, likely headed for St. Bernard.

Making way for the procession of garishly colored floats was a squadron of police cars, sirens wailing. A pair of huge lips rattled past, and a giant oysters Rockefeller and an old Pelicans baseball player. The combination of disquieting sirens, ghostly unmanned floats, long morning shadows and beseeching stick figure produced a vaguely existential cityscape worthy of [Giorgio De Chirico](#).

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