

# Applicant Outreach Summary

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## JOURNEY TO FREEDOM PARK: INFO AND UPDATES! August 2020

**Includes:** • Viewshed Analysis • Monument Artists  
• Survey Results • Park Designs

### WHO?

On behalf of the Calgary Vietnamese Community, the Vietnamese Boat People Monument Committee is working closely with the International Avenue BRZ and the Greater Forest Lawn communities to develop a monument and park space to commemorate the Vietnamese people's immigration journey to Calgary.


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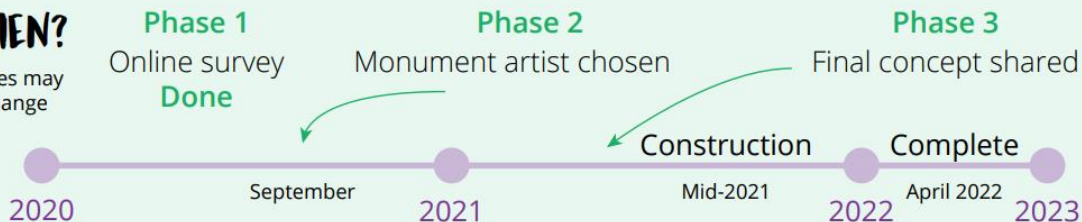

### WHAT?


*Informal Diagram Only*

A monument and park will be privately funded through donations gathered by the Calgary Vietnamese Community. The design of the space is still in the preliminary stages, but is expected to include a gateway feature, monument, memorial wall, seating, landscaping, and a viewpoint lookout to downtown.

### WHEN?

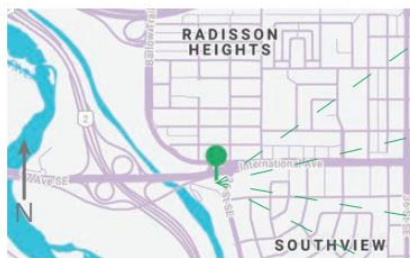
Dates may  
change



### WHERE?

Located SW of International Avenue (17 Ave SE) and 26 St SE

Site is approx.  
1100 sq. metres  
in area



Infographic by the International Avenue BRZ in collaboration with (but not on behalf of) the Calgary Vietnamese Community and the Vietnamese Boat People Monument Committee.





## Journey to Freedom Park SURVEY SUMMARY

Prepared by the International Avenue  
BRZ in collaboration with the Calgary Viet-  
namese Community and the Vietnamese  
Boat People Monument Committee.  
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1,079

Surveys were completed

English & Vietnamese

(To be accessible to all)

Online & Paper



34%

Participants live in  
Greater Forest Lawn



96%

Indicated overall  
support for the park



74%

This monument will  
be meaningful to me

*I am a Vietnam War Veteran*

*I hope it highlights how success-  
ful these refugees have become*

*I am a supporter of public art!*

**My family and I came  
as boat people in 1987**

**I've had this dream  
for a long time**

I had the pleasure of working  
with and befriending a group  
of young men who made that  
perilous journey. I think it is a  
story that needs to be told

My grandparents sponsored a family

**To say thank you to Canadi-  
ans who brought immigrants  
into this country and to show  
the meaning of freedom**

*My parents were boat people*

### Other Thoughts You Said And We Heard



#### Design Quality

High-quality materials and  
landscaping are important, and  
help make the space peaceful



#### Transit Access

The bus is very nearby and  
convenient, so many people will  
not have to drive to get here



#### Design for Safety

The park should be protected  
against vandalism through use  
of lighting and sightlines



#### Driving Considerations

Daily users driving to the park  
should have an insignificant  
effect on local traffic volumes



#### Parking Space

A balance should be found: not  
too much or too little. Ensure it  
is accessible for low mobility



#### Pathway Access

It is on the pathway, so very  
convenient. Bike racks will help  
people visit the site



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## Journey to Freedom Park

What we learned from our public survey

# WHAT ABOUT THE VIEW IN SOUTHVIEW?

Some residents expressed concerns that their view of the city will be blocked

*But don't worry*

Our independent analysis shows that **no** homes will be losing a view

### The Angle of the View to Downtown

*Looking downtown from the pathway*



### Residences North of 19 Ave SE

*Pre-existing trees obscure the site*



### Residences South of 19 Ave SE

*The site is not in the way*



*(Looking from 19 Ave & 26 Street SE)*



*For questions about the upcoming park  
please email [intave@shaw.ca](mailto:intave@shaw.ca)*

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**TEAM ONE****Thai Bao Tran**

Born and raised in Vietnam and residing in the Greater Forest Lawn area since 1991, Thai Bao Tran is a visual artist who works in both traditional arts and digital arts. His unique perspective enables him to explore themes of East and West, searching for unity. His distinctive personal style evokes joy and peace and there is a quiet tranquility inherent in his work. His artwork is in private art collections and graces various Buddhist temples throughout the world.







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#### TEAM TWO

**Andy Van Dinh**  
**Daniel M. Nguyen**

Andy and Daniel met at the University of Calgary while pursuing their Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA); they have collaborated throughout the years. Andy went on to pursue a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Painting at Hunter College in New York City, where he currently resides and is a practicing artist. His work involves large format drawings and installations that pull inspiration from his parents, their story about migrating from Vietnam to Canada, and the cultural narratives of displacement. His work has appeared across New York in solo and group exhibitions as well as international festivals and exhibitions. Following his BFA, Daniel pursued a Master of Architecture (MArch) at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver where he is currently based. His wide range of architectural experience in building program and scale help bring a unique perspective to every design challenge. Daniel is passionate about creating meaningful spaces that enhance the quality of experience for all users and believes interdisciplinary collaboration is the cornerstone of every project.





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### TEAM THREE

**Linh Ly**

**Kevin Poole**

**Connor Hayduk**

Linh Ly is a Calgary-based artist, photographer and ceramist. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, she immigrated to Canada with her family when she was four years old. Ly has a BFA in Photography and Drawing. She has received grants from both the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Canada Council. Her work has been exhibited nationally. Kevin Poole and Connor Hayduk both work with Heavy Industries, an artistic and architectural design and fabrication firm. Kevin works to meld vision and his structural engineering experience for the best end result. Connor completed a master's degree in Industrial Design at the University of Calgary. Connor is known for dreaming big, challenging what is possible, and then bringing the idea to fruition.

