

# Habitation Markers Update

Great news! In partnership with The Friends of the Federation of Calgary Communities and the Calgary Foundation, we have been granted \$2,500 through their Neighbour Grants program. Our “Habitation Markers” project meets the Neighbour Grant’s objective of “*helping to create and strengthen the ordinary bonds of neighbourliness.*”

This funding will be used to refurbish the three “Bird House” Habitation Markers that were installed in 1997 and also install a fourth Habitation Marker on the RKHCA community hall site. Many people in our community identify with these Markers and strongly feel that they help identify us as a community. The Calgary Foundation agreed.

We need your involvement to make this project an *awesome* success. Your involvement can take many forms:

1. Donating good quality materials required to refurbish the existing Habitation Markers.
  - a. Pressure treated plywood (3/4” and 3/8”) to be cut into component pieces
  - b. Pressure treated posts
  - c. Fencing material
2. Joining the Habitation Marker Committee to help coordinate various aspects of the project with the Artist who is responsible for the design of the markers:
  - a. Gather materials
  - b. Help refurbish the existing markers as the Artist has components available
  - c. Plan “celebration picnics” for each of the refurbished markers in October
3. Monitor the markers after they have been installed to report any vandalism or weathering that may have occurred.

You can visit the three existing “Habitation Markers” in community parks throughout the neighbourhood:

20 Street & 22 Avenue SW  
25A Street & 30 Avenue SW  
22 Street & 30 Avenue SW

As we commission each of these refurbished Markers, we will encourage community members to participate in the “Watch Guard” program. People in the sub-communities close to each Marker will be asked to volunteer to observe and take pictures of their Marker and report their findings to the appropriate RKHCA board member once per month. This will foster increased awareness and a tighter connection with the Markers across a broader range of community members, plus afford the opportunity for a small group of neighbours to go for a walk together around their park at least once per month.

To become involved, please contact:

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We hope to hear from you.