

## \*A note on location:

### *From Railroad Park to Ashland Creek Park*

Originally, it was my intention to have this piece set in Railroad Park. However, after quite a bit of deliberation including discussion with Parks and Rec on possibilities, I eventually settled on Ashland Creek park because this particular park is still looking for its identity. Having 'Crystallizing Their Call' installed there could go a long, long way toward not only establishing a solid ideological and artistic identity for the park and perhaps even the neighborhood, but could very well dictate future initiatives for the development of the space in all sorts of complimentary and parallel directions.



***Let's just put him  
right in the center there.***

It's like the space is waiting for this, and once I saw it, I definitely got excited at the possibilities!

### ***\*Community inclusion :***

1. Landscaping: I think it would be super cool to get anyone in the community who wants to participate, to come out for a day [or two], one before and at least one after placement of the actual sculpture has occurred, to help remove several of the extant bushes, help clear and level the dirt, perhaps plant specific kinds of flowers or grasses around the sculpture's base, as well as lovingly decorating and helping to place the stepping stones.

2. Perhaps most potent component of the community inclusion piece, is to have a page called "Crystallizing Our Call": consisting of a collectively drafted statement of intent by and for those in the community who wholeheartedly support this installation, and the vision it represents, enshrining their dedication and determination to help foster a powerfully healing and nurturing space in this city during their lifetimes.

A ring of stepping stones, decorated by members of the community, will be placed in a circle around the figure in order to invite viewers to more closely share space with him; perhaps to read the names etched into the book aloud, or huddle beneath his wings when the rain catches them unawares.

One can envision people coming to the park to meditate, or take a moment of introspection—the space he holds inviting just this sort of peaceful contemplation.

In this way, he may serve as an ***anchor for the creation of community*** and moments of deeper understanding in a very real, and tangible way.

