

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2011

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## Minnesota Park

1603 W. 33rd Avenue

### Park History

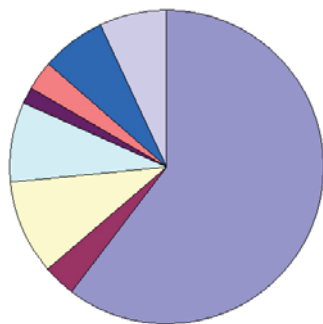
This park is leased from the State of Alaska on a 55-year long term lease. Planning for use of this park began in 1972, and a grant was received in 1974 to develop the park. The park was funded by the Land & Water Conservation Fund as well as a levy for the Spenard District. New play equipment was installed in 1997.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 11,691  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 26.0%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2010 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Two tennis courts
- Multi-purpose court
- Parking lot with 21 spaces



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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Minnesota Park 2011

## Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Anchorage citizens along with Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff evaluated 38 parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

### OVERALL GRADE

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Active Recreation Areas

30

Green Spaces

97

Park Entry

61

Passive Recreation Areas

46

Pathways

N/A

Playgrounds

97

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Minnesota Park Findings

It was reported that Minnesota Park is excellent in several areas (playground, green space), but substand in others. Some concerns include a chronic inebriate problem around the 1st and 15th of each month

### Fix It List

- Replace old tennis courts with new basketball courts
- Add a swing set to the playground
- The 3 parking pads on the west side of the park need to be leveled and graded
- Remove big stump at north end entrance behind sign
- Replace wood on benches on north end and in the middle, north of the tennis courts
- Fix fencing on north tennis court (supports are coming undone)
- Prune trees behind bench at playground



Community members would like to see a basketball court instead of tennis courts



Trash cans should be replaced with the new standard

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to [www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm)

The Anchorage Park Foundation developed the Anchorage Parks Report Card in partnership with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University, and community volunteers, thanks to a generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. The APF has raised over \$18 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: