

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2011

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## Suzan Nightingale McKay Park

201 West Cook Avenue

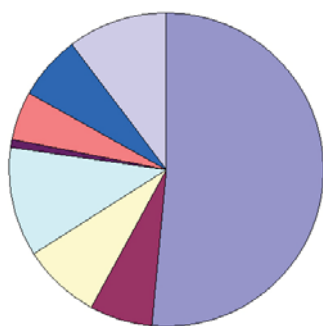
### Park History

This parkland was acquired by Federal Patent in 1954, and originally called McKinley View Park. In the late 1970's, tour buses began coming to this area to showcase the beautiful view. In 1993, the playground was developed through donations and volunteer efforts. In 1994, the community requested expansion of the park and additional land and play equipment were added. In 1997, the community requested a change of name for the park. They wanted to rename the park after Suzan Nightingale McKay, a writer, journalist and teacher who passed away in 1996.

### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 1,947  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 25.6%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

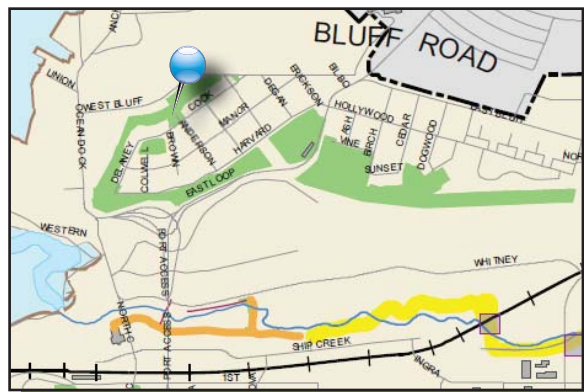
Ethnic Composition:



\*2010 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- Play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Play equipment for 5- 12 year olds
- Picnic tables and benches
- Sydney Laurence Monument
- On-street parking



### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Suzan Nightingale McKay 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

N/A

Green Spaces

64

Park Entry

79

Passive Recreation Areas

35

Pathways

N/A

Playgrounds

N/A

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Suzan Nightingale McKay Park Findings

Community members report that this park is "very ugly," and "very old." It is a nice place to look at Denali Mountain, but there isn't much else there. They would like to see some investment into its revitalization.

## Fix It List

- Fix main dedication sign
- Remove weeds from playground sand
- Install lighting
- Make the path in park safer



Turf is poor condition adjacent display



Playground needs to be weeded

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: