

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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CARLSON PARK

2214 Stanford Drive

Park History

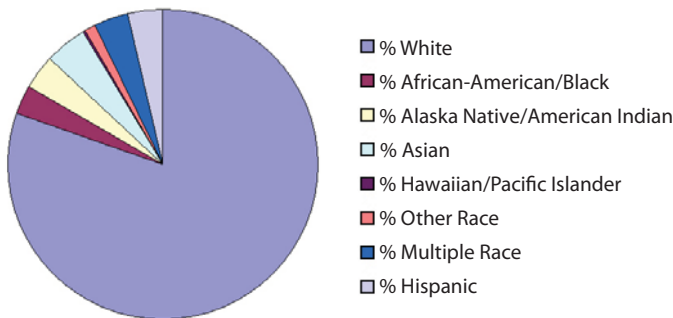
This parkland was donated to the city for use as park in 1959. A portion of the property borders on Lake Otis. In 1997, the Parks & Recreation Department installed play equipment and landscaping. Carlson Park is a neighborhood park accessed by foot traffic.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 3,664
 Percent of Population under age 19: 27.3%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 2.37 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- On-street parking



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: CARLSON PARK 2008

Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our neighborhood parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Almost 1,000 citizens along with APRD staff evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. APRD 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

68

Green Spaces

74

Park Entry

74

Passive Recreation Areas

65

Pathways

75

Playgrounds

53

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Carlson Park Findings

Children's play areas are one of the primary uses of neighborhood parks and should receive the highest priority for upkeep and maintenance. Report Card participants expressed concern that the Carlson Park playground has unsafe features and is not interesting for young children. Respondents also expressed concern about poor drainage in lawn areas and inadequate signage.

Fix It List

- Review old playground equipment and remove if necessary
- Replace playground surface material
- Review playground needs with community and redevelop play areas
- Identify solutions for poor drainage in open lawn area, including possibly regrading the lawn area
- Trim overgrown shrubs and weeds in landscaped areas and near park sign



The play equipment is old and uninteresting



Lake Otis causes drainage problems in the park

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to 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 \$15 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: