

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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DIDLKA PARK

McKenzie Drive & Clay Products Drive

Park History

"Didlka" means raven.

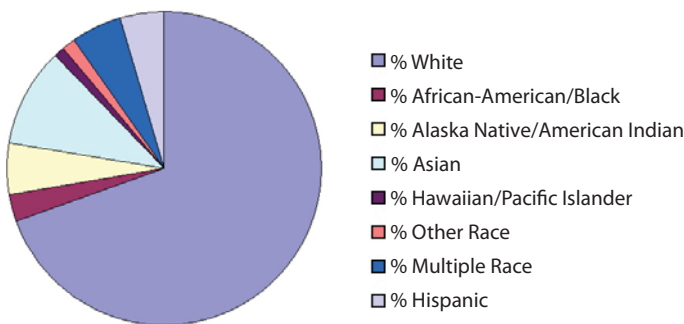
This piece of property was dedicated as a park in 1971. The park is bordered by Clay Products Road which led to the old Anchorage brick factory, where bricks were produced of clay from the Cook Inlet. The park site was a water well for Spenard Utilities, which is now owned by AWWU.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 10,880
 Percent of Population under age 19: 29.1%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- .41 acres
- Play equipment
- Picnic shelter and tables
- Community Adopt-a-Garden



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: DIDLIKA 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

N/A

Green Spaces

87

Park Entry

79

Passive Recreation Areas

86

Pathways

N/A

Playgrounds

89

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Didlika Park Findings

Didlika Park participants identified a lack of pathways and access points to the park, making the park less inviting for community members. A recent Challenge Grant project in Didlika Park added a perimeter fence to the park to improve aesthetics and security for young children.

Fix It List

- Add pathways to improve public access to the park



Neighbors requested improvements to park access



Park entry has limited pedestrian access

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: