

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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FAIRVIEW LIONS PARK

1201 E. 8th Avenue

Park History

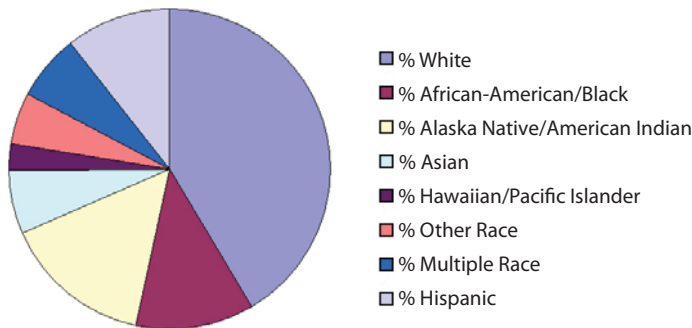
In 1985, the S & S Apartments were demolished and the Anchorage Assembly voted to use the property to create a neighborhood park. Trees were planted in the park in 1992 and 1993 using funds from a state forestry grant.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 7,479
 Percent of Population under age 19: 26.3%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 5.45 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Sledding hill
- Softball field
- Sand volleyball court
- Picnic shelter, tables and benches
- Community Garden

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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: FAIRVIEW LIONS 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

78

Green Spaces

77

Park Entry

75

Passive Recreation Areas

76

Pathways

79

Playgrounds

75

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Fairview Lions Park Findings

Fairview Lions Park participants expressed concerns about dead and dying trees and overgrown areas limiting visibility into the park. Also, the play equipment and safety surfacing need repair to restore them to full use for the neighborhood. Community members identified needed paving in the parking area and graffiti on surfaces throughout the park.

Fix It List

- Repair play equipment and repair safety surface material
- Trim trees and remove dead trees to improve safety sight lines
- Remove graffiti on structures throughout the park
- Repair backstop in ballfield and add volleyball net
- Pave parking area and add more park name signs
- Add informational signs about Community Garden
- Establish location and install dog station



The neighborhood identified needed repairs to the ballfield



More informational signs are needed

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: