

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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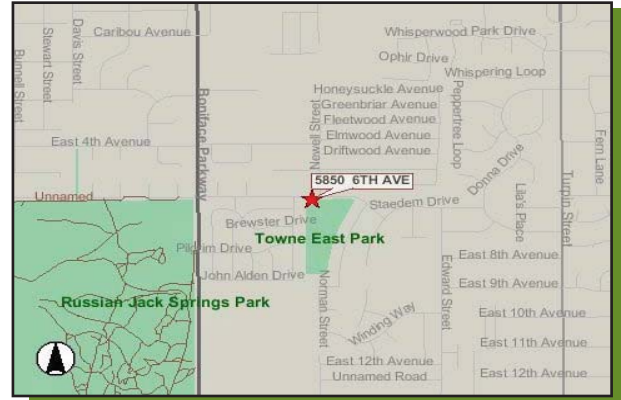


## IRA WALKER PARK

5850 E. 6th Avenue

### Park History

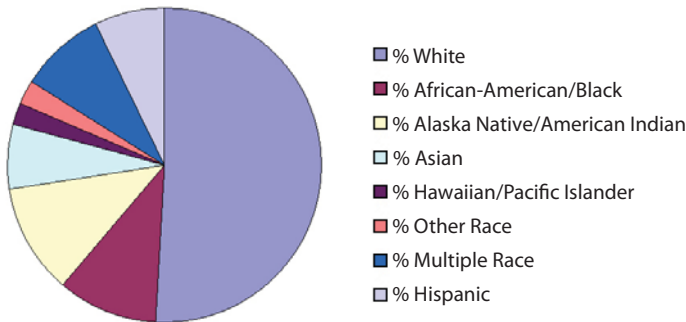
In 1981, the community requested that this property be placed on the Capital Improvement list and purchased as park land. The park was originally called Towne East Park., but it was renamed to honor a park supporter, Ira Walker.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 10,448  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 33.1%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 7.4 acres
- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Open play field
- On street parking

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: IRA WALKER 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

51

Green Spaces

56

Park Entry

45

Passive Recreation Areas

45

Pathways

52

Playgrounds

53

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Ira Walker Park Findings

Report Card participants at Ira Walker Park were most concerned about extensive graffiti covering benches, tables, signs and playground equipment. Participants also identified safety problems with the play equipment, including damage to the slide and the play tunnel. Volunteers also requested the addition of informational signage and a dog station.

## Fix It List

- Conduct safety assessment of playground
- Repair problems identified with playground equipment and repaint hop-scotch court
- Remove graffiti throughout the park
- Fix parking lot to prevent standing water from accumulating
- Determine location for dog station and install
- Add informational signs



The neighborhood is concerned about the safety of the play equipment



The parking area needs repairs

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 \$15 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: