

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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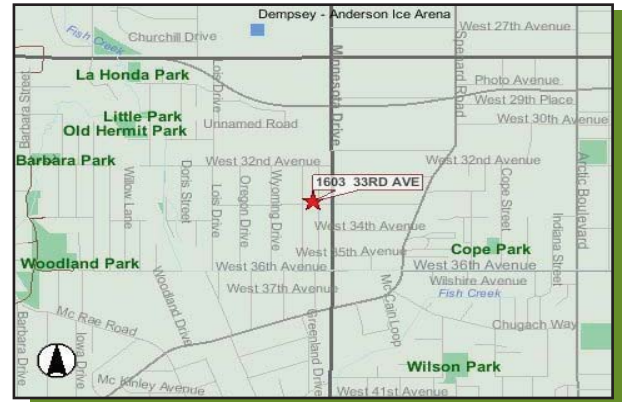


MINNESOTA PARK

1603 W. 33rd Avenue

Park History

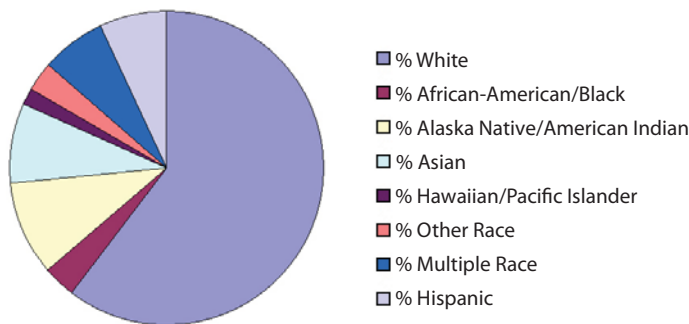
This park is leased from the State of Alaska on a 55-year long term lease. Planning for use of this park began in 1972, and a grant was received in 1974 to develop the park. The park was funded by the Land & Water Conservation Fund as well as a levy for the Spenard District. New play equipment was installed in 1997.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 11,691
 Percent of Population under age 19: 26.0%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 3.92 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Two tennis courts
- Multi-purpose court
- Parking lot with 21 spaces



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: MINNESOTA 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

23

Green Spaces

59

Park Entry

48

Passive Recreation Areas

59

Pathways

55

Playgrounds

61

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Minnesota Park Findings

Community members identified a variety of items in Minnesota Park, including critical safety concerns pertaining to the park's proximity to Minnesota Drive. Participants believe that safety signage is necessary to warn drivers that children are at play. Additionally, the fence between the play area and Minnesota Drive needs repairs. Community members were also concerned about litter in the park.

Fix It List

- Repair or replace broken equipment in play area
- Repair fence adjacent to playground
- Work with Traffic Department to add safety signage regarding children at play
- Trim trees and brush to improve safety sight lines
- Repair asphalt in tennis courts and replace nets
- Replace benches and trash cans in seating area
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



Neighbors expressed concern about the park appearance



The tennis court needs nets and asphalt repairs

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: