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PAMELA JOY LOWRY MEMORIAL PARK

7961 Ascot Street

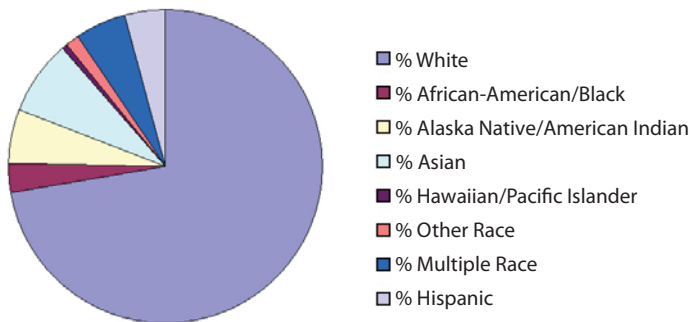
Park History

This park property was acquired in 1989 with partial funding from a neighborhood park improvement district. Community member Christy Lowry helped form the neighborhood park improvement district and was instrumental in securing state grants to develop this park. The park was originally known as Hathor Park. In 1990, the Sand Lake Community Council asked to rename the park Pamela Joy Lowry Memorial Park in honor of Christy Lowry's daughter, who had been killed in a vehicle accident.

Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 21,591
 Percent of Population under age 19: 32.2%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: High

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 8.61 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Nature trail with lights
- Small lake



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: PAMELA JOY LOWRY MEMORIAL 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

84

Park Entry

69

Passive Recreation Areas

52

Pathways

48

Playgrounds

59

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Pamela Joy Lowry Memorial Park Findings

Report Card participants in Pamela Joy Lowry Memorial Park reported that playground functionality is limited by several pieces of broken equipment. Graffiti is a problem in the play area and throughout the park. The large pond in the park is also unattractive due to trash and debris floating in it. Minor repairs are needed to the signs and parking area, and the seating area is inadequate for current use.

Fix It List

- Repair equipment in play area and add edging
- Replenish play area safety surface material
- Trim trees and brush and remove dead trees
- Expand seating area with more benches and tables
- Clean trash and debris out of pond
- Remove graffiti throughout the park
- Repair kiosk near pond
- Replace broken bollards in parking area



The neighborhood is concerned about usefulness of the kiosk in the park



Litter in the pond is also a problem

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: