

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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SISTERHOOD PARK

4910 Van Buren Street

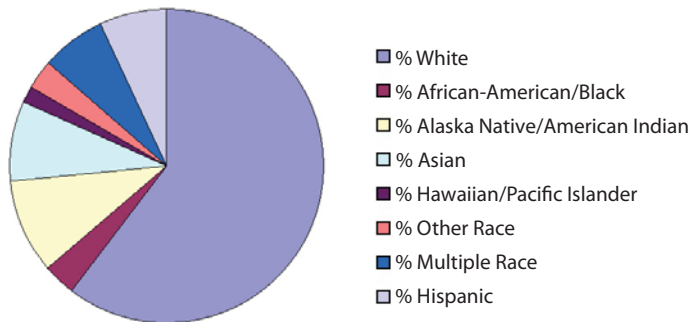
Park History

In 1978, the Spenard Community Council asked the Parks & Recreation Department to purchase this property for park land. The neighborhood was developing into an industrial area and the community wanted to ensure that there was a buffer space. Negotiations for purchase of this property began in 1977, and the purchase was finalized in December 1979. In 1980, the park was named Sisterhood Park to honor the Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native Sisterhood.

Neighborhood Statistics*

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

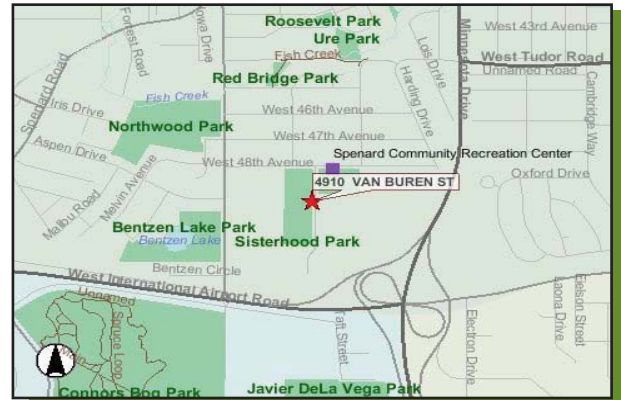
Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 6.70 acres
- Play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Baseball field
- Soccer field



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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: SISTERHOOD 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

66

Green Spaces

N/A

Park Entry

55

Passive Recreation Areas

83

Pathways

N/A

Playgrounds

77

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Sisterhood Park Findings

Report Card participants in Sisterhood Park named a number of concerns, primarily the functionality of the parking lot and the athletic fields. The turf in the athletic fields has bare spots, is not marked with boundary lines and the soccer goals have no nets. Additionally, parents expressed concerns that the play equipment was too close to the road.

Fix It List

- Remove graffiti on play equipment
- Reseed and fertilize soccer field turf to repair bare spots
- Replace nets in soccer goals
- Fill holes in unpaved parking lot to prevent puddles
- Add safety fencing to create a barrier between the road and children's play area



Park users identified needed improvements to turf in the ballfield



The nets in the soccer goals also need to be replaced

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: