

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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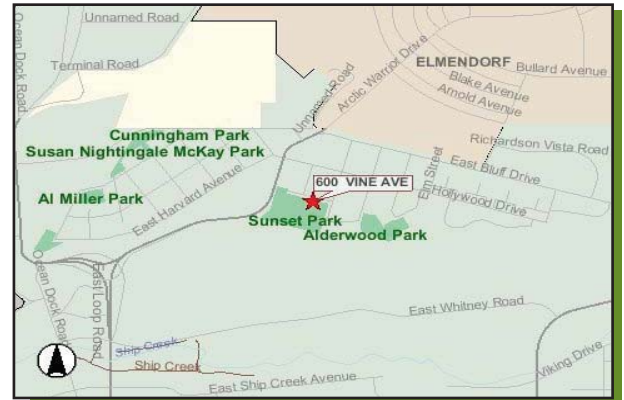


## SUNSET PARK

600 Vine Avenue

### Park History

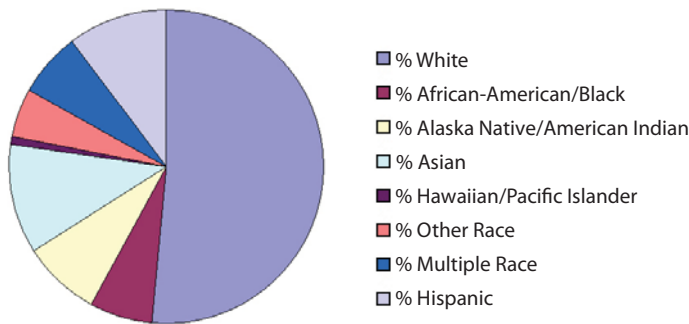
This park was the site of the original Government Hill Elementary School, which was destroyed in the 1964 earthquake and removed from the property in the late 1970's. The land was acquired as parkland in 1968 through a Federal patent, and named by the Government Hill Community Council.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 1,947  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 25.9%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 5.45 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Picnic shelter and tables
- Sledding hill

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: SUNSET 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

72

Green Spaces

80

Park Entry

73

Passive Recreation Areas

70

Pathways

75

Playgrounds

78

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Sunset Park Findings

Community members reported concerns about unsafe activities occurring in Sunset Park during night hours; some participants were particularly concerned about people driving their vehicles into the park and damaging lawns and equipment. Community members also noted insufficient play equipment, poor maintenance of lawn areas and the sledding hill and insufficient trash cans.



Additional swings are needed in the play area

## Fix It List

- Supplement play area with slide, swings and additional toys
- Repair or replace edging around play area
- Mow grass on sledding hill and trim brush on sides of hill
- Reseed and fertilize bare spots in lawn areas
- Repair benches and add trash cans
- Work with community to address concerns about inappropriate activities in park
- Add bollards or fencing to prevent vehicle access
- Add informational signage about historic features in park



Neighbors suggested the addition of informational signs about historic features

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: