

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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TIKISHLA PARK

3018 E. 20th Avenue

Park History

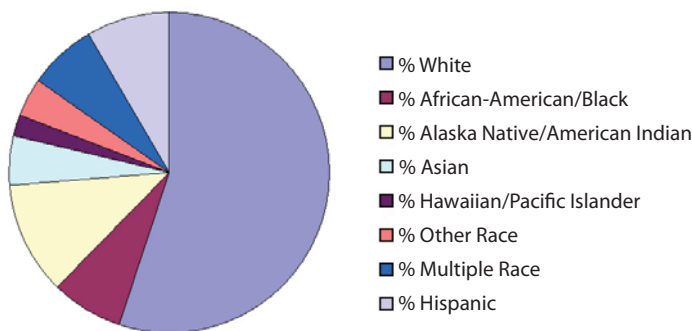
In 1973, the Airport Heights community agreed to voluntarily assess their properties in order to create a park. This was the first citizen-initiated park district petition in the history of the Municipality of Anchorage. In 1983, the Parks and Recreation Department began development of the park. A playground and hockey rink were dedicated in 1985. New boards were installed in the hockey rink this fall with help from the Scotty Gomez Foundation.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 5,816
 Percent of Population under age 19: 31.2%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 105.06 acres
- Play equipment at Davenport fields and at E. 20th Avenue
- Multi-use trails
- Hockey rink
- Bike trail links to the Chester Creek Trail
- One senior league baseball field, one t-ball field and two Little League baseball fields



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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: TIKISHLA 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

68

Green Spaces

78

Park Entry

77

Passive Recreation Areas

71

Pathways

76

Playgrounds

75

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Tikishla Park Findings

Report Card participants identified broken playground equipment, patchy turf and cracks in trails as the primary problems in Tikishla Park. Furthermore, participants requested additional seating and picnic equipment near the playground and the addition of a dog station. Tree-trimming is also needed in wooded areas near the playground and trails.

Fix It List

- Repair playground equipment and add swings
- Reseed and fertilize lawns to improve turf
- Repair cracks in paved trails
- Determine location for dog station and install
- Add benches and tables near playground
- Repair rotting bollards around parking lot
- Trim trees in wooded areas to improve sight lines



Neighbors are concerned about the poor condition of pathways inside the park



Neighbors requested an upgrade to the play equipment

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: