

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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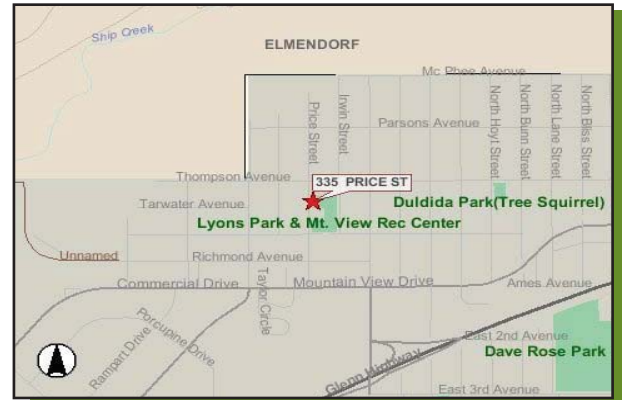


WILLIAM B. LYONS PARK

335 Price Street

Park History

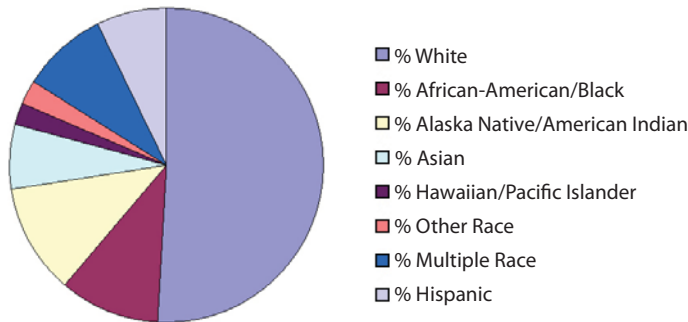
This property was purchased with a combination of bond funds and Community Development Block grants in 1972 to add additional parkland to Mountain View. The park was originally known as Mountain View Park, but it was renamed in honor of the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. In 1997, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Boys & Girls Club formed a partnership to construct a community recreation center at William B. Lyons Park.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 6,574
 Percent of Population under age 19: 39.9%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: High

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 1.86 acres
- Picnic Shelter
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Mountain View Recreation Center

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: WILLIAM B. LYONS 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

76

Green Spaces

75

Park Entry

72

Passive Recreation Areas

66

Pathways

76

Playgrounds

65

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

William B. Lyons Park Findings

The playgrounds at Duldida Park and William B. Lyons Park were graded by 5th and 6th graders from Mountain View Elementary School. Additional volunteers graded the rest of the park. This project was conducted with support from the Mountain View Weed & Seed Program. Participants were concerned about shoddy maintenance to play equipment, litter, graffiti, dog waste, and inadequate trash cans.

Fix It List

- Clean and repaint play equipment; repair broken slide and swings
- Work with community to address concerns about unsafe use of the park
- Remove graffiti throughout the park
- Reseed and fertilize bare spots in lawn areas
- Improve general maintenance practices, such as mowing and trash removal
- Add trash cans
- Determine location for dog station and install



Local schoolchildren graded the playgrounds at Duldida Park and William B. Lyons Park



Students were concerned about playground safety

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: