

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Aquatic Center Splash Pad Addition

Department: Parks & Recreation

Contact Person: Bob Beatty – Parks & Recreation Director

1. Estimated Total Cost: \$150,000

2. Project Timeline: This project is proposed in the 2029-2030 budget.

* This project will need to be engineered; my suggestion would be Burbach Aquatics, as they built our pool. We will need to start the planning process in 2027-2028, and that will take council action to sign an agreement for engineering services in the 2027/2028 CIP Budget.

3. Project Description:

The splash pad would be an enhancement project for the City and Aquatic Center. When the pool is operating during scheduled hours, the splash pad would be available ONLY to patrons of the Aquatic Center. The splash pad would, however, be available for free public access outside during non-operational hours, including May before we open and August/September after we close the Aquatic Facility. This would be an important service and give families another recreational opportunity when all other public outdoor pools are closed. We would likely close the splash pad mid to late September.

4. Project Justification / Community Benefit:

As stated above, giving families extra time to use aquatic-like facilities outside of our operation hours and our current season helps draw even more people to the community and keeps our citizens in town enjoying community attraction-type facilities.

5. Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

- Funding
- Working on how to integrate this facility into the aquatic center, and how to also make it usable outside of hours, a camera system is likely needed to monitor out-of-hours/seasonal usage.