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**Date:** July 23, 2025

**To:**  
Parks and Recreation Board  
City of Key West

Subject: Agenda Request: Splash Pad Estimate at Bayview Park

Dear Members of the Parks and Recreation Board,

I respectfully request that the following item be added to the agenda for your July 24, 2025 meeting:

**Request for City Staff to Obtain a Formal Estimate from SplashPadsUSA for Bayview Park Splash Pad**

**Purpose:**

I am requesting that City staff be directed to obtain a formal estimate from SplashPadsUSA, a professional splash pad designer and installer with extensive experience working directly with municipalities. This request is in response to the July 22, 2025 letter submitted by Bender and Associates addressed to Keith Bring (shared via email with the PRAB as of July 23rd, 2025 at 2:48pm) which references a proposed splash pad for Bayview Park with a projected cost exceeding \$3 million.

**Why This Matters:**

As a homeowner, when replacing a roof or undertaking a significant project, it would be unthinkable to rely on a single estimate. I obtain multiple bids to ensure the best price and quality of work. The same logic should apply to a public infrastructure investment such as a splash pad. It is both fiscally and ethically responsible to compare real, itemized quotes from actual contractors who specialize in splash pad design and construction.

Example: Coral Springs, Florida Splash Pad (Completed 2022/2023):

- Contractor: SplashPadsUSA
- Size: 4,000 sq ft (approximately 80 ft x 50 ft) Note: Truman Waterfront splash pad is 2,827 sq ft and a basketball court is approx. 4,500 sq ft.
- Cost: \$487,000
  - Included:
    - Design

- LED lighting,
  - 20 water features
  - wet deck buffer
  - site prep
  - installation
- Contact for Estimate:  
Rick Funk  
VP of Operations, SplashPadsUSA  
(346) 901-1455

The cost of \$487,000 is significantly less than the amount referenced in the Bender letter. Furthermore, the monthly operating costs as verified with Robert Hunter, Director of Parks and Recreation in Coral Springs, including **water (\$789)** and **maintenance (\$947)**, total approximately **\$1,736/month**—well within reasonable expectations for a city-maintained amenity.

In comparison, the City of Key West budgeted **\$1,833.33 per month for the Truman Splash Pad (FY23/24), almost half the size, not even accounting for water costs because the Truman splash pad water is not tracked. This discrepancy raises serious concerns about design efficiency and long-term sustainability. So we should be questioning using the same contractor.**

Conclusion:

I urge the Board to support a directive for staff to obtain a competitive estimate from SplashPadsUSA. This action ensures a more informed, transparent, and cost-conscious decision-making process regarding the proposed splash pad at Bayview Park. It is not logical—or responsible—to move forward based on a single reference quote from a third-party firm not in the business of constructing splash pads.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Jangraw