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Sunday, October 25, 2020 10:31 AM

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Public Comment for Meeting on October 26, 2020 about Agenda Item 12.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMEMORATE EDWARD L. VAN

HALEN

Public Comment for Meeting on October 26, 2020 about Agenda Item 12. CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMEMORATE EDWARD L. VAN HALEN

Name: Breathe

Email:

Address: Pasadena, CA

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Comments:

Eddie Van Halen died 20 days ago. We're already discussing Permanent memorials.

Shame on City leaders for your hypocrisy. Agendizing this topic while simultaneously destroying Handmade Memorials from Impassioned Mourners of Pasadena's Anthony McClain is Disgraceful and Hurtful.

He was a Grandson, Son, Brother, Father and Friend in our community.

He was Shot in the Back during a Traffic Stop. A stop to which the less pigmented individuals proposing Van Halen's memorial would never be subjected.

Your claim that Candles, Flowers and Handmade Signs "terrorize" the community are Unfounded, and Represent the Pinnacle of Privilege and Mis-education.

Although not a Superstar, Anthony McClain's Life Mattered. His Memorial is Significant.

Stop using crime at la Pintoresca Park as an excuse to blot out PPD's stain of shooting McClain in the Back.

Stop claiming high crime rates since McClain's August 15 killing without providing context on prior crime in the area, and regional, pandemic-associated gun violence spikes.

Stop erroneously equating crime at the Park with crime at the Memorial, which is solemn ground, and across the street from the park, where McClain lay dying.

Respect ALL members of Pasadena's community, Not just rock stars. Work with Grieving Community Members to find an Agreeable Way to Memorialize Anthony McClain.

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Name: Paul

Email:

Phone: 949-

Address:

B. Jansen

Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Comments:

Although I'm not a resident of Pasadena, I wish to bring to your attention that of it's most famous citizen, Edward Van Halen. He singlehandedly changed how we play the electric guitar, the guitar industry, and rock 'n roll as well. Edward was always proud of his Pasadena roots as well as his status as an immigrant, settling in this great country and pursuing the American dream. His band played backyard party's in & around Pasadena during and after high school and rented out the Pasadena Civic Center, as told in the book Van Halen Rising. Despite the fame, fortune and adulation, he always remained grounded; during an MTV interview in the late 80's, when asked "what about all those who say you're a guitar god?" his reply was "I don't know about all that, I'm just a punk kid who plays guitar, you know?" The city of Austin TX has a statue commemorating Stevie Ray Vaughn, and it's only fitting that Pasadena honor their most famous son who became a national treasure, as evidenced by the billboards that appeared all around the country after he passed. Please pay tribute to Edward by erecting a statue in his honor Thank you.

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Stephanie

Wedge

Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

As a 5th grader I first heard the sounds of Van Halen sitting on the sidewalk with friends while their older siblings drove up playing the unique sounds of Eddie Van Halen shredding through the speakers. From that moment on, I was hooked. Eddie is a pioneer, legend and has inspired generations of musicians and not only deserves a street name, but a statue. Please pay tribute to the band that started Hard Rock and brought light to the beautiful City of Pasadena!

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Name: Kenichi

Email:

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Address:

Yoshida

Rd, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a resident of Pasadena, Japanese immigrant, a husband, father, clergy and a higher Ed. administrator. Today as the Council plans to discuss spending tax payers' money to erect a costly memorial for a White, well known rock artist, Eddie Van Halen, a man very few Pasadenans actually knew, I stand with many Pasadenans to demand the Council to arrive at a mutually agreeable way to memorialize Mr. Anthony McClain who was killed by a Pasadena police officer, Edwin Dumaguidin, on August 15, 2020. Taking down the memorial in "stealth of the night" without any conversation with the community members is egregious and immoral, and only strengthens the argument that the Pasadena Police's dislike of the ever-present reminder of Pasadena Police shooting McClain in the back as he fled from a traffic stop. The PD's allegation that the memorial has caused the increase of violence in and around la Pintoresca Park is without clear evidence. The Council's decision on this matter will reveal it's true consciousness with respect to Black Lives, Whiteness and Policy Brutality. Thank you.

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Name: Robert

LydonRobertRobert

Email:

Pasadena, California

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Comments:

I am a 20 year Pasadena resident, but growing up on the East Coast during Van Halen's meteoric rise, everyone was aware of the group's Pasadena roots; the humble beginnings here are the stuff of legend.

Edward's appearance on the music scene was like the movie Pleasantville, where a black and white world suddenly starts to turn to color when the new lead character enters the scene. As youths in the music stores, we bore witness to everything exploding into color because of Edward.

Edward was like Hendrix, Les Paul, Christmas, Hanukkah, Simbang Gabi and The Battle of Midway all rolled into one.

The Pasadena Civic Center looms large in the history and influence of the band. Their last shows there are the stuff of legend. It's the last local place they played before departing for their first world tour, after which music would not be the same. The Pasadena Civic Center is literally the launching pad for the guitar that changed the world.

I encourage the City Council to consider something associated with the Civic Center; let's commemorate this beautiful building's place in arts history along with an individual whose worldwide influence will not soon be forgotten.

Regards, Robert Lydon

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Name: Marianne

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Address:

Rosado

Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

As a Pasadena Resident and a rock fan, I would love to see a memorial of any kind to Van Halen/Eddie Van Halen in the city, but a statue & alley at the Pasadena Civic seems to me like the best place. I'd love to see a Van Halen statue by Daniel Stern, who has work displayed in neighboring Temple City & Monrovia.

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Pasadena, CA

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Address:

Comments:

The Council's plans to memorialize rock star Van Halen while accepting the Police Department's ham handed take-down – twice now - of a simple, community memorial to a man killed by Pasadena police when fleeing from a traffic stop shows, again, that the city is not up to the job of "bringing everyone together" and building trust between police and our communities of color.

Surely someone in charge could figure out how to approach the issue without throwing it in the face of police critics of a death by police and in these times. The Department continues to undermine its proclaimed goal of building trust by actions like this. Why do the Council and the City Manager continue to accept these inadequate responses that set back any progress made toward improving relations?

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Name: Sonja K Berndt Email: s Address: Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a longtime resident of Pasadena. The City Manager asks the Council to consider providing direction to staff about commemorating Eddie Van Halen. While Mr. Van Halen passed away just this month, staff has already spent time contemplating a myriad of ideas for honoring him. Staff's four-page report even includes potential costs to the City, despite the difficulties we face with the pandemic and social unrest. Respectfully, I question the priorities of city staff and this Council. Many of our residents continue to grieve over Anthony McClain, who was shot by police in the back as he ran AWAY FROM the police. It is very troubling that the commemoration of Mr. Van Halen is deemed worthy of the Council's immediate attention in the same week city officials dismantled two community memorials for Mr. McClain. Memorials reflect the City's beliefs and values. While it may be appropriate to honor Mr. Van Halen at some point in the future, now is not the time. We should instead use staff and Council time to find ways to help our residents survive the pandemic, provide ways to heal the fractured relationship between our residents and the Police Department, and address the homelessness crisis.

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Christian Ott

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Rd, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am writing in support of the City of Pasadena honoring the late Edward van Halen, the legendary guitarist of Pasadena's home town band, Van Halen. I live on Woodlyn Rd, just a few blocks north of where Eddie grew up. In fact, the family that owned my house in the 1970s was friends with the van Halens, and many of the legendary party performances of Mammoth and Van Halen happened in my backyard. As an immigrant and naturalized US citizen myself, I believe that the van Halens epitomize what America is about: giving the opportunity to anybody from anywhere to become part of America and have a lasting, enriching cultural and economic impact.

I believe the City should go big in honoring Eddie. I support the idea of renaming a landmark or street, something that will be found on Google Maps. Renaming a street or park appears appropriate and will attract visitors to Pasadena. One possibility -- which would require buy in from the County -- could be to rename the Gold Line Allen station (close to Las Lunas, where Eddie grew up) to Van Halen Allen Station. This would avoid any issues associated with the impact of a street name.

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Name: Bryan

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Address:

Fitzpatrick

Redding, CA 96001

Comments:

Thank you city council for adding this to the agenda. I think the experience of the Van Halen's coming to America as new immigrants with very little shaped their outlook and motivated them to be (as someone once said) the greatest rock band in the history of the sport. Eddie was an unquestionable guitar genius and one of the most influential and important musicians of all time. Pasadena should be proud to have him as one of their own. And even though they were originally from the Netherlands they were full on Southern California. Thanksto everyone who put this together. Van Halen fans are the BEST!

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Dr., moses lake, WA 98837

Comments:

We love you Edward! 5150!

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Marie Leagons

Pasadena, CA 91109

Comments:

As the property owner of the property where Mr. McClain lay dying, I want to express wholeheartedly that the issues at La Pintoresca park did not begin with Mr. McClain's memorial. On the contrary, this has been an issue for years and even more prevalent in the last 7 months. It would be great if you all would please work with community members like myself to find solutions for a permanent memorial for Mr. McClain and long-standing issues at the La Pintoresca Park. Thank You

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Name: Pastor

Kerwin Manning

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Pasadena, CA

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Comments:

To Our Esteemed Council: as a community Pastor, I have had the distinct honor of serving the families of LeRoy Barnes, R.J.Thomas, Kendrec McDade and Anthony McClain. Not fun, but necessary. These young men would still be alive if it weren't for irresponsible policing fueled by systemic racism and funded by the PPOA. When it comes to honoring the deceased, it should not matter if the person was a rockstar or an African American with priors. We are honoring the goodness in them, and we all have goodness in us. I'm not against a Van Halen Memorial. However, a fair discussion on memorials MUST include a Justice component remembering those slain by PPD Officers w/a commitment to end these atrocities. I've identified funding for the project. If the coucilmembers would simply return and donate the \$87,000 in campaign contributions they received from the PPOA, we're there. This would go a long way in bringing healing to a divided community and restore confidence in our elected officials. I pray you'll do what's right, fair and necessary. We've missed a few opportunities to repair the breach. I believe this will help tremendously.

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Name: Steve Mulheim.

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Phone:

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President - Old Pasadena

Management District

, Pasadena, CA

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Comments:

Old Pasadena is proud of our city's connection to the Van Halen family, and we support recognition of the esteemed contributions made to the music industry. I have talked with residents on Electric Alley, and they are not supportive of a name change to that historic alley. Old Pasadena Management welcomes the opportunity to work with city staff, Old Pasadena Stakeholders, and Pasadena residents in determining a special means and suitable location for this deserving honorarium, but in such a way as to not impact existing historic remembrances.

Thank you

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Marilyn

Buchanan

CA 91103

Pasadena,

Comments:

Gene and I have developed, lived and worked on two properties that are on Electric Alley and we do not feel that is it appropriate to rename "our" historic alley. We have a historical plaque, which we donated, mounted on the rear of the Raymond Theatre, with the name and historic nature of this alley. Our neighbor, Bill Robertson, who lives in a historical property, also located on Electric Alley, also finds problems with this possible renaming as his permanent mailing address is 123 Electric Alley and he does not wish his address to change. Thirdly, we already have problems with skateboarders in the alley, but then we would have "people gathering, taking photo's' etc". making noise and creating a nuisance, where there are residents living. All of the stagehouse lofts open onto this alley. We spent a lot of time and money on the research and development of our Historic District Plan and there was no mention of Van Halen in any of that research, he should be remembered in the areas where he spent his time and where the neighbors will remember. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Thank you,

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Name: Gerard

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Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Comments:

Eddie Van Halen had passed away earlier this month. I strongly believe that a statue in his likeness be just as appropriate. Statues of Stevie Ray Vaughn in Austin, Glen Frey (of The Eagles)

Winslow, Arizona and Chuck Berry in St. Louis have a deeper meaning not only to the fans but to the communities. It gives people something to see and visit, a sense of belonging and a sense of community pride. Something special for Pasadena to have something for people to see and visit...people from around the world coming to Pasadena just to see Eddie in the place where he is from. People travel from around the world to see them and take a photo with them. Tourism...and a memorial. In this world of politics and international tragedy, the loss of Eddie is more important to many. Life in a post-Van Halen world has crossed boundaries because Eddie was an American treasure. His speaking engagement in 2015 at the Smithsonian makes any immigrant to this country shed a tear. People forget he was a bi-racial child from a poor family from Holland. His success, influence and impact on the community of Pasadena affecting worldwide adoration is truly American.

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Name: Randa

Email:

Address: Pasadena, CA

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Comments:

Hello City Council Members.

Julie Kimura and I started a fundraiser to rename an alley for Eddie and his bandmates just 10 days ago, with the goal of raising money for the city's \$3000 application fee. The public response to our Pasadena4VanHalen fundraiser has been heartwarming and really shows the support of Van Halen Fans across our community and around the world. We've exceeded our goal and have raised over \$6200, with more donations coming in every day, mostly in \$10 and \$20 increments.

I love all the ideas mentioned in your agenda item, and request that you consider a multi-faceted approach to honoring Eddie. Please install plaques at the Van Halen Home, Hamilton Park, and PCC, and also honor Eddie and his bandmates at either Pasadena Civic Auditorium or by renaming Electric Alley in Old Town.

Eddie and his bandmates and their phenomenal success are part of Pasdena's story. Their beginnings in backyard shows in Pasadena, their rise to fame, and their ultimate rock star status is a point of pride for our city. They are so deserving of the city's recognition and Van Halen Fans will be forever grateful for your decision to honor Pasadena's very own Guitar Hero.

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Samuel

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Ritter

Comments:

Hello City Council! My name is Samuel Ritter. I left a cohesive list/plan for the Edward Van Halen Commemoration Opportunities at the correspondence email. So it should be available now for those involved to access. I have acted as a self appointed guardian and advocate for the current memorials on Villa/Allen and also at 1881 Las Lunas along with my friend Sebastian St. George. We have documented and protected the memorials and mementos left for EVH at those sites. I would propose and ask that the council please consider me as a curator, consultant and advisor for the EVH and Van Halen commemoration plans within Pasadena. I have a strong knowledge of his legacy, I graduated with a BFA in Fine Art and am a public muralist/artist and I have designed/curated many spaces. I don't need to be hired as an artist but I just want to be involved in overseeing whatever agreed upon commemoration spaces get laid in stone. I feel that giving him and the band a their due honor is really important for Pasadena. Doing this by way of a street naming, a public area or square with plaque and a statue with historical accounts.

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Landry

Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

2 in-person participants are not wearing masks in a public city council meeting when COVID numbers continue to rise is negligent and irresponsible. Both 6ft and masks are required to minimize the spread of COVID. This is very common knowledge. Representatives of our community should be leaders, modeling the behavior we expect of our residents.

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Suzanne

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Address:

Shook

Comments:

While Eddy Van Halen deserves to be honored with a memorial, I can't help but think of how last week the Pasadena destroyed a memorial set up by the community for Anthony McClain. On Friday I was part of a deeply moving Quaker worship service next to Anthony's memorial, and we had the joy of talking with neighbors wishing to create a permanent memorial. Yes, a communitywide recognition of Van Halen is deserved—once this important decision is given plenty of public input with clear criteria, based on how others have been honored with memorials. A small memorial for Anthony McClain is equally deserving, although unknown until recently.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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DAVID

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Comments:

Eddie Van Halen is in my opinion one of the 3 most important people from Pasadena, CA. He, George Patton, and Jackie Robinson. They are all heroes to millions in their own individual way and heroes deserve to be recognized, plain and simple.

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Duncan

FL 32968

Comments:

As a 26 year Southern California resident, I would be in favor of a statue or street to honor the contribution that Eddie Van Halen made to music. It would be commendable and appropriate for the City of Pasadena to consider this request. On behalf of music lovers everywhere, thank you for your consideration.

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Sebastian St.

Pasadena, CA

George

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Comments:

Eddie Van Halen's significance runs deep. His struggles and influence has left mark on Pasadena that should never be forgotten. The Van Halen's rose through adversity to immense greatness.

THE IMMEDIATE:

Their home on 1881 Las Lunas should be declared a historic site as soon as possible. Rename their street Las Lunas to Van Halen Avenue.

MOST importantly, the cement that Eddie and Alex Van Halen wrote their names in at the location of Allen and Villa needs to be preserved or relocated and protected ASAP. The City should act swiftly to preserve these (3) spots in the cement and document the Van Halen legacy in the most profound way possible!

A statue and memorial area should also be considered in a key location.

Myself with Samuel Ritter and his daughter Lou Lou have served as self appointed watchmen of the memorials for Eddie on Villa and Allen as well as their home on Las Lunas. I have extensively documented the memorials on my Instagram account @YogaArmy and have posted over 200+

| pictures of fans tributes so others around the world can experience the | Van Halen legacy. Samuel |
|---|--------------------------|
| Ritter and myself are willing and ready to help in any way. | * |