

CASTLE GREEN

April 5, 2024

Dear City Council,

Castle Green residents and homeowners were recently informed of a proposed option to change the Dayton Street name between Raymond and Fair Oaks and another option on Morton Avenue at a City Council meeting on April 15th. Several of our constituents have reached out with the hope that the Dayton Street option can be removed as a possible action and a different path can be taken to honor the R&B band "Troop." Dayton Street is included in the Old Pasadena Historic District, a Nationally Registered Historic Landmark that also includes Castle Green and Hotel Green. Any change to a Landmark should require a standard that is part of policy not subjective.

Street name changes are rarely the appropriate measure taken for these types of commemorations. The City of Pasadena has done it rarely in the past few decades. Once was to honor the then CEO of Parsons, who tragically died in a plane crash while on a mission with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the Balkans after that part of the world had been destroyed by war. The section named for him was the portion of the street in front of the Parsons building. Of course, there is the portion of Ramona named for Thurgood Marshall after his death. Then there is the La Loma Bridge renamed for longtime Pasadena resident and former California state attorney general, John Van de Kamp. Historically, the City has honored other Pasadena persons or events with a plaque of some sort referencing the part of Pasadena where that person was born or lived or created the culturally or historically important time period for which they are being honored. The City's Public Monument Policy makes it clear that such a City-wide honor must not only be reviewed for its significance, but it also states that the honors should be posthumously by at least five years.

The Castle Green's constituency has no issue with honoring Troop or anyone else, but the standard to change a street name, particularly one as historic as Dayton, should be very high. We hope that you will consider leaving Dayton Street as Dayton Street and seek another way to honor the request. Thank you for your consideration.

Castle Green HOA
99 S Raymond Ave
Pasadena California 91105



April 8, 2024

Pasadena City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

Re: Street Name Change – Dayton Street to Troop Way

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

Pasadena Heritage is concerned about the proposed name change of Dayton Street – one of Pasadena's most important and historic streets. We support the Castle Green HOA's position on this subject and raise a number of questions.

We understand that there have been a few recent dedications that have benefitted from council involvement. The La Loma Bridge was rededicated to honor John Van de Kamp who lived nearby for many years during his decades of public service, the new stage at Playhouse Village Park was named to honor Van Halen, and the new pool at Robinson Park was named to honor the late John Kennedy. We also note that a plaque honoring Van Halen was installed at the Civic Auditorium in 2021 because the band played there several times (14 or more) before they became world famous. We think these dedications made sense based on the legacy of the people they honor. We suggest this proposed rededication needs Council scrutiny so that appropriate recognition can be determined.

We would certainly support a tribute to Troop in a way that reflects their connections and/or contributions to Pasadena. The proposal raised a number of questions for us including: Is there any connection between the group and this segment of Dayton Street? Is there a location in Pasadena where Troop performed that might be a better location to celebrate?

We hope the Council can find an appropriate way to recognize Troop, but suggest that this does not seem to be a logical or suitable location given the important history of Dayton Street.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Henry G
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment - 2/26/24 Agenda Item proposed "Dayton" street name change

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Re: **February 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.** – Street Name Change – Dayton Street to Troop Way – from Fair Oaks Avenue to Raymond Avenue

As a longtime resident of the Castle Green (since 1994) I am writing my objections to the proposed name change to Dayton St.

The block is on the National Register of Historic Places and also a Pasadena Historic Monument and these street names like Dayton have direct historic context and relevance tied to that history - not to mention Central Park - whereas the musical group has zero connection to Dayton street nor this historic, protected area.

What value are those designations to this important historic site within Old Pasadena if not to protect the complete integrity of the heritage assets?

I read an item on the proposal from a Keisha Wilkins, the marketing manager at the Canyon in Montclair and associated with Visionary Media Entertainment, so perhaps this proposal is nearly a marketing ploy?

Nevertheless, there are no doubt many other worthy groups and people to honor, if Troop does warrant such major recognition, there must be some other method and/or place too do so without co-opting the heritage of the Hotel/Castle Green block and Central Park setting and context?

Respectfully,

Henry Golas

Sent from my iPad

2/26/2024
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NAACP

Pasadena Branch

May 20, 2024

Office of the Mayor and City Council
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
Attention: Mayor Victor Gordo
Email: KMarkarian@cityofpasadena.net

RE: PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE TO TROOP WAY - DAYTON STREET
BETWEEN FAIR OAKS AVENUE AND RAYMOND AVENUE

Dear Victor:

I'm reaching out to urge your support for renaming the Dayton Street segment next to Central Park to "Troop Way." As a lifelong fan and supporter of Troop, I believe this gesture would honor not just a music group, but a legacy that has resonated with people worldwide.

Growing up in Pasadena and surrounding areas Troop's music was the soundtrack of my life. Their hits filled the airwaves and brought our community together during tough times. Whether it was cruising down Colorado Boulevard or hanging out at Central Park, Brookside Park, or Jackie Robinson Park, Troop's melodies were always there, providing comfort and joy.

But Troop's influence extends far beyond our city limits. Their music has touched the hearts of fans across the globe, uniting people from different cultures and backgrounds. Renaming a street after Troop would be a global recognition of their impact on music and culture.

Additionally, Troop's presence in Pasadena embodies the spirit and pride of our city. Allen, a member of Troop, coined the acronym "TROOP," which stands for Total Respect of Other People, reflecting their commitment to spreading positivity and unity through their music.

Moreover, Troop members have made significant contributions to the music industry. Steven, for instance, has earned several Grammy awards for his exceptional work as a producer and songwriter. His contributions to hits like "No Air," "Take You Down," "Gots Ta Be," and "Sorry 2004," among others, highlight the talent and versatility within the Troop brotherhood. Each member of Troop is not only a phenomenal performer but also a skilled songwriter and producer, showcasing the depth of talent within the group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Allen Edson
President, NAACP Pasadena Branch

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AJB ENTERPRISES, INC.

Pasadena, CA 91103

May 19, 2024

City Council
City of Pasadena

RE: Street Name Changing – Dayton

I want to bring up an issue that was brought to my attention a couple of weeks ago regarding street name changing, i.e., a portion of Dayton Street in Old Pasadena. First of all there is a Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkways Concept Plan which addresses streets and alleys in the District and was adopted by the City Council on July 24, 1995. Now I'm sure that most of the new city employees, and new members of the citizen committees and commissions are unaware of this plan,, however, that does not excuse them from doing the appropriate research before suggesting items for Old Pasadena without doing their homework and working with the District before running off and making recommendations without consultation with the Old Pasadena Management District, along with City Staff.

The idea that we need to find a place to put a name because they were a member of a group of musicians here in the City of Pasadena, is constantly coming up and I do understand that there could and should be acknowledgment of these various individuals and groups that were part of the music and art scene here in Pasadena. However, we should not continue to go around the City and name change just to put a name somewhere, with no relevance with that location.

Then there is the cost of this project and who is going to pay for it. Is the City going to pay for all of Old Pasadena directories, that are throughout the District showing visitors where something is located, i.e., Dayton Street. This could be a bit expensive and certainly not within the budget of the Old Pasadena Management District, but the signage must be kept current. I also do not recall any entertainment venue on that portion of Dayton Street. I believe that you will find it is the southern portion of the Castle Green and their parking lot, while across the street is Central Park. There doesn't seem to be any connection to Troop. I realize that you cannot go around the City putting a sign up for every entertainer or group, however acknowledgement is great and appreciated by the public so put it where it is appropriate and the public can find it.

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I believe that the commission that made this recommendation, might want to look at setting up a permanent display for all acknowledgements of musical, entertainment and artistic groups from Pasadena, at the Civic Center,, next to the Civic Auditorium, which would be a more appropriate location. There are large patios, in and around that venue and a lot of people go to events there and everyone could find these accolades to the popular musical and entertainment individuals or groups that have lived and worked in the City of Pasadena. The exhibit should be built to accommodate new groups or individuals, as it becomes warranted and recommended by whatever Commission is in charge of this acknowledgement. That way there would be room for all of the recommended "oldies" and the "new comers". You know that this group, hopefully, will grow as we go through the years and you cannot continue to change names of streets or places when another group comes around that need this acknowledgement. The City has to think ahead and plan for the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Marilyn Buchanan
Current Resident of Old Pasadena

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Wu-Bowman, Yannie
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra
Cc: Olmos, Tony; Markarian, Kris; Colon, Cristina; Maue, Brent
Subject: 5-28-24 Bryant Williams comment - Rename Dayton Street changed to "Troop Way"

Good Morning, please see below for the inclusion of 6-3 comments.

I will also include a print out of this to Attachment E before publishing. Thank you.

Regards,

Yannie

From: Bryant Williams
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 5:09:16 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Markarian, Kris <KMarkarian@cityofpasadena.net>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; Maue, Brent <bmaue@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: I AM LOVE 333
Subject: Rename Dayton Street changed to "Troop Way"

Hello and Good Morning, City of Pasadena Council Members! My name is Bryant Williams and I would like to have you all take a moment from your busy schedule to read and act on behalf of Recording Artist "Troop" to please rename Dayton Street to "Troop Way". I myself have worked in the Music Industry for over 25 years, and I strongly believe that since recording artist "Troop" grew up in the area of Dayton Street in Pasadena, and always mentions Pasadena where they are from in all their Concerts and shows, that they deserve their roses to have Dayton Street renamed to "Troop Way". Troop has been recognized by many fans in Pasadena as well as worldwide for having three number-one singles as well as ten top-ten singles on the Billboard Record Charts! Their music is loved by me and many fans worldwide as well as their loyal fans in Pasadena! Troop and their fans worldwide and especially in the City of Pasadena, have a special love for Troop and their beautiful songs that are timeless hits!!! So please give Troop their roses that they very much deserve and their growing up in Pasadena by renaming Dayton Street to "Troop Way". I believe that by renaming Dayton Street to "Troop Way" will bring much more positive attention to the City of Pasadena and make it known that Pasadena opened up the doors for Troop to get what they VERY MUCH DESERVE!

Note: I would like to have this letter submitted for public comments please!

Pasadena Council Members, I Thank you for your valuable time in reading this letter and to act in good and a very positive way to give Troop their roses in this beautiful, diverse and loved City of Pasadena!

Thank you for your attention:

Sincerely, Bryant Williams

Bryant Williams (Supreme Entertainment)

Manhattan Beach CA 90266