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### Public Comments from the Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

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**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 3:42 PM

**To:** Wu-Bowman, Yannie <[YWu-Bowman@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:YWu-Bowman@cityofpasadena.net)>

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Yannie Wu-Bowman  
Department of Public Works – Engineering Services  
175 North Garfield Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pasadena, CA 91101

Subject: Proposed – Renaming the Dance Room at Robinson Park Center

I am opposed to the renaming the room after an R & B group from Pasadena called “Troop”.

Mallie Robinson, my Great Aunt, and mother to cousin Edgar, Frank, Mack and Willa Mae and Jack, should be honored, renaming the room to “Mallie Robinson Dance Room”.

Mallie McGriff Robinson, Jackie Robinson’s mother, moved her family to Pasadena, California in the 1920’s after her Uncle Burton, left Georgia and urged Mallie to relocate to California.

She was able to purchase the property at 121 Pepper Street  
**(that the City of Pasadena tore down!)**  
from a Negro man who acquired the property by using a ‘light complexioned’ relative to front for him.

Mallie wanted an environment for her four boys and daughter that would provide all that she was determined to do, as a single parent.

With her deep religious belief and trust that the Lord was watching over her, she acquired this huge property that had more than one house on the land.

I remember it very well. I spent a lot of time at her house in the early 50’s, along with my sisters, when we were very young.

City Council and the Recreation and Parks Commission, we ask that during your public meeting , October 1, 2024 and October 21, 2024, vote to rename this Dance Room to the **“Mallie Robinson Dance Room”**.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Warren  
Pomona, CA 91767

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**From:** robinson rose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2024 8:45 AM  
**To:** Wu-Bowman, Yannie <YWu-Bowman@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Subject:** Fw: ROBINSON PARK - Room naming

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Good Morning Yannie,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday.

Again,

My name is Rose Robinson. Youngest Daughter to Matthew 'Mack' and Delano Robinson.

As I mentioned,  
the 'Family' has/is  
rejected naming the Dance Room after 'troop'.

We will be submitting our request to name the MulitPurpose Room after my GrandMother,  
Mrs. Mallie McGriff Robinson, Mother of Edgar, Frank, Matthew,  
Willa- Mae & Jackie.

I am gathering support letters from family here and across the states to this support in a few days.

Thank you,

Rose M Robinson

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**From:** David Woodbury

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:11 AM

**To:** Houser, Stacy <[shouser@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:shouser@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Subject:** Comments for Parks & Recreation Commissions October 1st Meeting: Do not change E. Dayton Street to Troop Way

Dear Parks & Recreation Commission,

As a Pasadena resident who lives in the historic Castle Green, one of only two buildings on E. Dayton Street overlooking Central Park — both buildings being Nationally Registered Building in a Nationally Register Historic Neighborhood — my neighbors and I ask you not to change the historic name of E. Dayton Street to Troop Way.

E. Dayton Street was named by J.H.Baker, one of the original pioneers and founders of Pasadena, for his wife's home town, and has a long and illustrious history in Pasadena, giving this section of Old Pasadena the name "The Dayton Street District" in many historic references.

We do not wish for our historic street name to be changed to *Troop Way* to promote and publicize the 1980s music group Troop, with no historic context to our street.

Pasadena Heritage, the Castle Green Homeowners Association, and all major stake holders of this street are opposed to this name change, and in favor of preserving our historic name of E. Dayton Street.

Thanking for preserving the historic name of E. Dayton Street.

Sincerely,

David Woodbury

*Resident of Castle Green on Dayton Street overlooking Central Park*

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**From:** Ramon Estevez <[ramon.estevez@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:ramon.estevez@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 8:34 AM

**To:** Houser, Stacy <[shouser@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:shouser@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Subject:** Comments for 10/01 Parks & Recreation commission public meeting/ E. Dayton Street name change is a publicity stunt to advertise a music group.

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission,

The name change of *E. Dayton Street* to *Troop Way* is being proposed by a music promoter for a living band, and has the appearance of being a publicity stunt to advertise the band, as Central Park is being pursued by the same promoter as a music venue.

It would be more appropriate to name a performance venue in their honor, than change an historic street into an advertisement for a living music band.

Please vote NO on changing E. Dayton Street to Troop Way.

Sincerely,

Ramon Estevez

*Resident of Castle Green on E. Dayton Street*

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# CASTLE GREEN

October 1, 2024

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

Dear Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission and the City Council of Pasadena,

Subject: Petition to Honor Troop without Renaming Historic Streets

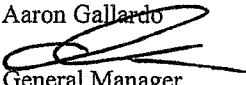
I am writing to submit a petition on behalf of Pasadena residents, recommending that the City of Pasadena honor the accomplishments of the group Troop by adding a ceremonial monument in a fitting location. It is important to note that in addition to the two other neighborhood constituencies that have already opposed street name changes, residents living along Dayton Street between Fair Oaks and Raymond also oppose the proposed renaming of this street. This section of Dayton Street is part of a nationally registered Historic Landmark and an integral part of the fabric of Old Pasadena.

The petition seeks to honor Troop by adding to the city's cultural and historic recognition rather than removing or replacing an existing monument. The current Monument Policy does not contemplate the removal of any city street names or monuments but focuses on the addition of new ones that reflect our community. Why remove a cherished part of Pasadena's history when there are many more appropriate ways to honor Troop or any other distinguished group?

City staff has already determined that renaming City of Pasadena streets is an incredibly rare occurrence and should be reserved for the highest community-wide standards. Without such high standards in place, the city risks facing subjective decisions that may not align with the broader desires of Pasadena residents and are opposed by local constituencies. In the current informational staff report to the City's Legislative Policy committee, there is a comparison of other municipalities' policy on street renaming. What it does not include is the actual application of those policies. How those policies are just as important as the policy itself. Renaming of street names in those cities have been rare and are limited to the most significant cultural and historic contributions and associations.

We respectfully ask that the City continues to add cultural or historic honors through the existing Monument Policy, without diminishing or taking away other historically or culturally significant places. The renaming of a historic street is not contemplated in any current street renaming or monument policy, and it is our belief that it should not be.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition. We trust that you will uphold Pasadena's rich history and cultural integrity by adhering to the standards outlined in the Monument Policy.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Gallardo  
  
General Manager  
CASTLE GREEN HOA  
99 S Raymond AVE.  
Pasadena CA 91105

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To the Recreation and Parks Commission and the City Council of Pasadena,

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit this petition to express our support for honoring the musical band Troop in a meaningful way but to formally oppose the option of renaming Dayton Street. While recognizing the band's contributions, renaming Dayton Street between Fair Oaks and Raymond is not an appropriate option.

Dayton Street lies within the **Old Pasadena Historic District**, a key area representing our city's architectural and cultural heritage. Altering the name of a street within this historic district could undermine the preservation of Pasadena's historical integrity and diminish the character of this beloved neighborhood. Additionally, Dayton Street between Raymond and Fair Oaks is part of a nationally registered Historic Landmark that includes Castel Green, Green Hotel, and Central Park.

As City staff has already concluded, renaming City of Pasadena streets is an incredibly rare occurrence, and should be held to the highest community wide standard. Without a policy that includes high standards, the City will be faced with making frequent subjective decisions that are not necessarily supported by Pasadena residents but are opposed by local constituencies.

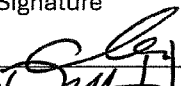
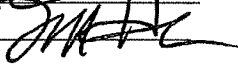
Neither the Monument Policy nor any other City policy contemplates deleting or removing any part of Pasadena that is culturally or historically significant. That policy is meant to ADD to the culture or history, not take away another..

Dayton Street has long been an integral part of Pasadena's identity and history. Modifying its name could lead to logistical issues, such as the readdressing of properties, disruption to wayfinding, and the costs associated with altering street signs, maps, and directories. We believe that such a change would have a greater negative impact than positive recognition.

We appreciate the City Council's and Recreation and Parks Commission's efforts to find ways to celebrate Troop's contributions to Pasadena's musical heritage and respectfully request that the option to rename Dayton Street be withdrawn.

Thank you for your attention and for allowing public input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Name	Signature	Address
1. <u>ABRAHAM Gallardo</u>		-
2. <u>Michele Hodder</u>		-

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#	Signature	Printed Name	Address
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5		Kathy Brown	Pasadena
6		Marly Hestale	
7		Margaret Morgan	Pasadena
8		Camryn Mousavi	
9		JAN CADY	
10		Corrie Coudalin	
11		Katherine Wais	
12		Colleen Avrich	
13		Zane Gas	
14		STEVEN HARRIS	
15		Esther Chua	
16		PURNIMA PARVE	
17		LAUREN BUEHLER	
18		John Green	Pas. 91106
19		Andrew Davis	
20		David Kipen	Pas. 91105
21		TINA CAVENE	
22		Lesley Slifkin	91105
23		Ana M	
24		FG Pasadena	
25		A CASE	91105
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