

September 20, 1975

Mr. Gary Bales, City Manager
City Hall
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Gary:

Enclosed are a proposed letter to the U. S. Coast Guard outlining projects for their approval at the Point Pinos Lighthouse and a xerox from History News for September, 1975.

The letter is of some importance to the city since it relates the easiest course for getting the Point Pinos Lighthouse listed on the Federal Registry for Historic Places. Such registry carries with it an opportunity for federal grants and/or matching funds. A second and perhaps questionable method would be to by pass the Coast Guard by applying for Federal Registration through the California Department of Parks and Recreation which has liaison with the National Park Service which administers the program.

Sincerely,

Vernal L. Yadon
Director

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3. Remove existing lawn and walks.

A. Reseal the sidewalk and install a brick-in-sand pattern.

A brick-in-sand walkway leading to the rear of kitchen entrance and to the seaward entrance is

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proposed.

B. Remove existing lawn which is chiefly composed

of a very undesirable South African grass species. Gentlemen:

This letter is in regard to the agreement between the United States Coast Guard and the City of Pacific Grove

for maintaining the Point Pinos Lighthouse as a museum.

Our staff has studied numerous early photographs of the building and has met with a consultant from the Smithsonian Institution who made recommendations. They have

also talked with Mr. Dale Wilkinson of the Monterey Station to ascertain whether undue problems might arise

given certain proposed changes in the landscaping and

the light house. There are apparently none.

7. Permission is sought to archaeologically investigate

Recommendations

1. To sandblast the exterior of the building to expose the native stone used in its construction.

2. To replace down stairs windows on seaward and south sides of the building with "six over six" glass panes used in the 1850-1870 period.

Sincerely,

3. Remove existing lawn and walks.

A. Reorient traffic to a more logical pattern.

A brick-in-sand walkway leading to the rear or kitchen entrance and to the seaward entrance is proposed.

B. Remove existing lawn which is chiefly composed of a very undesirable South African grass species

called Kikuyu grass, Pennisetum clandestinum. This would further allow grading and installation of a lawn sprinkler system.

4. Installation of a low fence around the facility as is indicated in early photographs.

5. Remove the circular road that surrounds the building and serves no purpose.

6. Installation of 4 parking spaces at the end of the present service road to the two coastguard cottages. This would accommodate any vehicles needed to service the lighthouse.

7. Permission is sought to archaeologically investigate the grounds for the location of cistern #2 which is presently lost, the location of former out building and retrieval of artifacts.

The city at this time proposes no radical alteration of the building or removal of the various additions that took place over the years.

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