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March 13, 1977

Memorandum

To: Gary Bales, City Manager

From: Vern Yadon

Subject: Lighthouse Project

Dear Gary:

It appears entirely possible to use CETA employees (under supervision) for restoring the Point Pinos lighthouse and grounds. The one great problem is that the City has not obtained permission to do the work outlined in my recommendations of December 13, 1975. Unless that is done we will have little chance of obtaining a CETA grant.

Enclosed is a copy of my earlier recommendations which includes some additional words for item 10. Also enclosed is a possible letter draft to the Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

Vernal L. Yadon
Director

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Recommendation for the Point Pinos Lighthouse

1. Sandblast the exterior of the building to expose the native stone used in its construction.
2. Replace downstairs windows on seaward and south sides of the building with "six over six" glass panes used in the 1850-1870 period.
3. Remove interior paint on woodwork and restore to an early color.
4. Remove asphalt tile in parlor leaving the floor in unfinished pine.
5. Remove hot water heater from basement.
6. Remove existing lawn and walks, reorient traffic to a more logical pattern using a brick-in-sand walkway leading to the rear or kitchen entrance as well as the seaward entrance. A sprinkler system and new lawn planting will be put in after the above is accomplished.
7. Install a fence similar to that of the 1870 period.
8. Remove circular road that surrounds the building and serves no purpose.
9. Install 4 parking spaces at the end of the present service road to the coastguard cottages. This would accomodate any vehicle needed to service the lighthouse.
10. Remove all ice plant from the grounds within the lighthouse enclosure. It presently occupies former space of three endangered species, Delphinium Hutchinsonae, Erysimum Menziesii, and Lupinus Tidestromii.
11. Archaeologically investigate the grounds for the location of cistern #2 which is presently lost, the location of former outbuildings and the retrieval of artifacts.

No radical alteration of the building nor removal of the various additions is planned.

Draft

Gentlemen:

This letter is in regards 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 the enclosed proposals might cause any unforeseen problems.

Sincerely,

Encl: Recommendations for
Point Pinos Light-
house upkeep