



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Museum Director Paul M. Finnegan
MEETING DATE: June 15, 2005
SUBJECT: Report on Preservation of Point Pinos Lighthouse

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the report.

DISCUSSION:

In anticipation of the transfer of the Point Pinos Lighthouse and its surrounding property to the City of Pacific Grove, the following projects were accomplished or initiated:

1. In August of 2001, the City invited conservators from the Western Archeological and Conservation Center to inspect and give a written report on the 3rd Order Fresnel Lens at the Point Pinos Lighthouse. This original lens was manufactured in France circa 1854 and was found to be in good working order with only minor recommendations from the conservators.
2. Jerry McCaffery, local author of a book about the Point Pinos Lighthouse, was appointed Lighthouse Historian and served as the organizer for the Lighthouse's 150th anniversary celebration. He continues to volunteer his knowledge and services regarding this valuable historic resource.
3. Museum staff met with the City's ADA representatives at the Lighthouse property and discussed the path of travel from the parking lot to the Lighthouse and visitor access to the building. An architect was retained to draw up accessibility plans, and a virtual video tour of the entire Lighthouse was produced.
4. The existing sprinkler system was upgraded in anticipation of future landscaping.
5. A Lighthouse Preservation Fund was established to help raise money for various ongoing and future Lighthouse preservation projects.
6. In September of 2004, the City invited Glenn Simpson from the National Park Service to visit the Point Pinos Lighthouse and produce a Historic Preservation Report. This very extensive and detailed report is attached.

Highlights of the Historic Preservation Report:

“The results of the preliminary survey show that the lighthouse is an exceptionally significant historic structure and should be regarded with extraordinary care in its upkeep. In general, it is in good condition and retains an extremely high level of historic integrity; however, some immediate problems were observed which should be addressed in the near future.”

1. Cedar Shingle Roof Replacement:

NPS recommends that the cedar shingle roof be replaced as soon as possible.

2. Exterior Finishes Restoration:

NPS recommends that the exterior finishes be restored as soon as possible, but only after the completion of a Historic Structure Report (HSR) for the Lighthouse.

3. Window and Door Rehabilitation:

This is a complex issue that requires the type of analysis typically conducted as part of the HSR before it can be undertaken.

4. Lantern Room Metals Conservation:

Any metals restoration work should be completed by or in consultation with a qualified historic metals conservation specialist.

The Historic Structures Report (HSR) is the primary guide to the treatment and use of a historic structure. NPS recommends that the Point Pinos Lighthouse be fully documented in conjunction with the preparation of a Historic Structure Report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Museum Staff instructed Glenn Simpson to prepare a budget for these projects as if he were the site manager utilising specialist resources from his division. The result is that the estimate numbers reflect the maximum cost per project and include NPS administrative fees. The Monterey Peninsula has a number of highly qualified contractors and specialists that could perform much of the necessary work for a much lower cost. Glenn also indicated that on similar projects he has worked as the site manager while utilizing local skilled labor.

ATTACHMENTS:

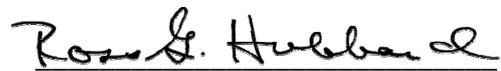
Point Pinos Lighthouse - Historic Preservation Report.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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