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Mr. Craig Middleton
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RE: Comments on the Presidio Trust Programmatic Agreement for the Main Post Update

Dear Mr. Middleton:


As requested in the January 26, 2010, meeting, I am submitting my comments on the Presidio Trust (PT) Programmatic Agreement for the Main Post Update (PA-MPU). Along with the written comments, I assume that PT will incorporate those stated at the January 26 meeting into the PA-MPU.

1. PT should complete the MPU prior to the conclusion of the PA process. I do not intend to sign the PA until the MPU is complete and I have reviewed it. I recommend that the PT consider finishing the MPU for review by consulting parties before proceeding with further review of the PA-MPU.
2. The PA-MPU should include a Whereas statement summarizing PT's efforts at Native American consultation for the PA-MPU.
3. No sufficient Cultural Landscape Treatment Plan / Report has been completed. As I mentioned in the last meeting, I recommend that PT prepare a comprehensive treatment plan similar to the one in existence at the Naval Training Center (NTC) in San Diego or the one prepared for Fort Baker.
4. I remain greatly concerned about the absence of a qualified Federal Preservation Officer (FPO) at the PT. I second the statement contained in the Presidio Historical Association's comments on this matter.
5. The 213 report should be attached to the PA-MPU as an appendix. I would also accept attaching the executive summary for brevity as long as the entire document is easily accessible on the internet.
6. Stipulation II.B. – Design guidelines should be in development now rather than on a project-by-project basis. The projects should respond to and comply with the design guidelines rather than the other way around. The guidelines should also be Presidio-wide to provide planning guidance for all future projects.
7. Stipulation II.C: Project Design Reviews – New Construction and Rehabilitation: As I mentioned at the last meeting, the review levels should follow the standard AIA pattern. I believe that the NHL status of the Presidio warrants a high-level of review. The steps that the Signatories should be involved with review are:
 - a. Concept Drawings
 - b. Schematic Drawings

- c. Design Development Documents at 50% and 90%
 - d. Construction Working Drawings at 30%, 60%, and 90%
8. Stipulation II.D. – The HABS / HALS documentation proposed should be at Level 1.
 9. Stipulation II.E. – The Historic Structure Reports (HSRs) need to be completed before plans are developed for specific projects. The HSRs, like the design guidelines, are planning documents that should inform the design process.
 10. Sustainability: The PA-MPU should include a stipulation discussing the sustainability goals for the PT. This could perhaps be included with the discussion of Salvage.

Thank you for seeking my comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. If you have questions about these comments, please contact Mark Beason of my staff at (916) 653-8902 or mbeason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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