

Pacific Grove Council Eyes Lighthouse

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Pacific Grove councilmen were told last night that the time is ripe for a formal commitment on future use of the lighthouse reservation land at Point Pinos.

Edward Whitaker, a member of the council and chairman of the Lighthouse Reservation Acquisition Committee, said his unit was not advocating abandonment of the lighthouse or the fog horn there.

But, he told his colleagues on the council, there have been indications that the federal government is willing to dispose of land for which it has no immediate use.

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One example Whitaker cited is the lighthouse at Santa Cruz, now automated and its land in the hands of a private developer. Of the latter, Whitaker said, "We don't want to see that happen here."

Whitaker said the city can do a better job of enhancing and preserving the natural state of tide-pool and waterfront areas than can the government and can enforce health and safety regulations as well as operating a marine patrol.

The committee, now studying related factors of conservation, water safety and traffic, will prepare a recommendation on future use of the reservation for council action, Whitaker said.