

Subject line: Rehabilitation Proposals at Cavallo Point, The Lodge at Golden Gate, Fort Baker

Dear Friend of Fort Baker,

Because you have previously expressed interest in the Fort Baker Plan and the subsequent development of Cavallo Point, The Lodge at Golden Gate, we want to inform you about two current building rehabilitation proposals that you may find of interest.

Between 2006 and 2008, the Fort Baker Retreat Group rehabilitated twenty-eight historic Fort Baker buildings to create Cavallo Point, The Lodge at Golden Gate. This new amenity included overnight accommodations, a restaurant, a cooking school and event spaces. The facility included a state-of-the art kitchen addition at the rear of one of the historic barracks buildings. Now in 2015, Cavallo Point is experiencing significant economic success in their restaurant and overnight accommodation business and is producing more meals a week than ever anticipated. As a result, current demand has outstripped their existing kitchen and bakery capacity. In January, Cavallo Point approached the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service with the proposal to rehabilitate the vacant Fort Baker guard house (Building 615) into a new public-serving retail bakery that would also accommodate their current food production needs.

The army constructed the Fort Baker guard house in 1902 and the building is a part of the Forts Baker, Barry and Cronkhite National Register Historic District. To ensure the best historic preservation practices, and comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are currently working with the California Office of Historic Preservation and Cavallo Point's architects, Architectural Resources Group, to ensure that the design proposal meets the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

Cavallo Point is also proposing to construct a 280 square foot, demonstration greenhouse between McReynolds Road and Merrill Court, on the slope behind historic barracks building 602. The Lodge would use this green house to produce micro-greens on-site, demonstrating the importance of environmentally responsible small-scale agriculture. The National Park Service is also reviewing this project for its potential historic preservation impacts.

To ensure a substantial opportunity for public input, we have posted project information on our park website. The way to comment on these projects is through the park's Planning Environmental Public Comment (PEPC) website.

To learn more about the historic guardhouse building and to view the architectural design proposals, please visit www.nps.gov/goga/historyculture/fort-baker-guardhouse.htm and to comment on the guardhouse project, please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/fobaguardhouse>

To see images of the proposed greenhouse design, please visit www.nps.gov/goga/historyculture/fort-baker-greenhouse.htm and to comment on the greenhouse project, please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CavalloPointGreenhouse>

We are also hosting a public open house to familiarize interested parties with these two projects. Please join us in August for an informational open house where you can talk directly to Cavallo Point representatives and the design professionals and visit the two project sites.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Cavallo Point, The Lodge at Golden Gate

Callippe Foyer Room

601 Murray Circle, Fort Baker

Sausalito, California 94965

Meeting schedule:

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM:

Opportunity to review presentation boards

6:45PM – 7:30 PM

Site visits of the guardhouse and the proposed greenhouse site

Continued opportunity to review presentation boards

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Continued opportunity to review presentation boards

Thank you for your continued interest in Fort Baker and Cavallo Point, The Lodge at Golden Gate.

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