

Subject: Report on Restoration and Repair of
Cathedral Domes

Date: 5 December 1993

From: Dome Restoration/Repair Committee

To: St. Spyridon Cathedral General Assembly

The objectives of this committee which is a subcommittee of the House Committee are

as follows:

~~And select a company~~

- Make sure that the Cathedral obtains the best quality restoration possible so that we do not have to spend money for more restoration in a few years.
- Make sure that the best primer/paint is selected and applied and that the warranty for the paint is for at least 10 years.
- Make sure that the people who are hired for the above are responsible to the Cathedral through all contractual phases.

Our Cathedral was built in 1953 and the Domes have been recoated in

- October 1965
- September 1976
- August 1980
- August 1984
- August 1990

At no time during the recoatings was the existing paint removed. It was sanded where flaking had occurred and primer/finish coat applied.

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During late summer of 1993 an inspection of the large dome was made by two consultants. Large pieces of paint were coming off the dome. They were able to pick off large pieces of paint that were $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick. Fungus and tiny bugs were seen on the underpart of the pieces. This meant there was dampness between the dome surface and the paint layer. The consultants said there was no structural problem with the dome.

One of the consultants gave us a proposal for ~~the~~ work up to selecting the painting contractor. Additional Requests for Proposals were sent to six (6) Structural/Architectural Companies in October. We have received one firm response and another showing interest in the job but no dollar figure was given.

The Request for Proposal asked for the following:

I. Define the method of removing all the coatings down to the concrete.

Issue a drawing including the scaffolding and dome cover. to perform the work.

Find the best coatings and define product (coating) specifications for the coatings

II. Prepare technical specifications for approved contractors the dome repair.

III Prepare and publish in local and other newspapers a request for contractors bid.

Attend, Take charge and Assist all potential bidders at a pre-bid meeting at the Cathedral

Analyze submitted bids and make recommendations to the Committee on best bids.

IV. Observe all the work to make sure that methods/ workmanship is in accordance with drawings and specifications. Responsibility is theirs.

The committee will be meeting with the ones who submitted proposals this week. We must be allowed to proceed with the selection process.

The committee therefore would like to make the following resolution.

"That monies from Grecian Festival '94 be utilized for the first phase of the Dome Restoration which is the selection of a structural and architectural company to do all work up to the selection of a painting contractor.

Further, that monies from Grecian Festival '94 also be used to pay for the selected painting contractor."