

Tomé Catholic Church
Ad Hoc Building Advisory Council
10/6/10

Minutes for October 6, 2010 Meeting

Voting Members in Attendance: Ramon Torres, Angelo Torres, Rick Trujillo, Brandon Jaramillo, Martín Romero.

Archbishop's Preservation Commission Representative: Antonio Martinez

Other Participants: John Kirkpatrick (architect), Fr. Hernandez

The meeting was called to order and the minutes for the meeting on 9/22/10 were discussed and accepted. Brandon did point out that he thinks we should refer to our exterior coating as plaster and not stucco, since stucco implies a cementitious coating.

Under OLD BUSINESS:

1. It was pointed out that Randy Silva said he was not responsible for the installation of the gutter. There are some issues with the gutter as presently installed, and John K agreed to determine who was responsible for the installation. New gutters may eventually be installed, but the ones currently in place should be repaired, and maintained meanwhile.

At least one of the council members indicated he had spoken to Randy Silva and that Randy had said he would return to address repair issues. It was unclear as to whether he had ever returned. Again, John indicated that he would verify.

2. John K. presented a North-side-of-Church drainage plan to the committee, which included an architectural plan with elevations. He indicated that he would like the drainage system not to look overly industrial given the setting in which it is to be installed. Brandon suggested a “rip rap and mortar” system like those used in the El Paso/Las Cruces area. John and others warmed to the idea and felt that such a system would be more in keeping with the architectural style of the Church and surroundings.

John noted that he felt a bit jilted by the Diocesan re-establishment of the Preservations Commission, since it appeared that the commission's decisions could now override his recommendations produced by countless hours of work.¹

3. Further investigative work is necessary to determine the purpose and composition of the North Bell Tower “banco”, which was found to be retaining moisture.

¹ Martín read the letter from John Hucmala to Fr. Hernández indicating that any further proposed work on the church would have to be approved by the Preservation Commission in advance.

4. Brandon provided the council with a handout and presentation highlighting the various plaster compositions that were used to create samples on a display board. The council members viewed and felt the samples as Brandon discussed the characteristics, advantages/disadvantages, and application of each. His sense of a good build-up of the system would have Sample 2 as a base, Sample 1 as a brown coat, and Sample 4 as a finish.

Rick brought up his sense of urgency in getting the North wall plastered, noting that it would soon be getting cold making it more difficult to achieve the timely drying and protection desired. There was also some discussion on the installation of plaster netting; Antonio does not recommend it, but Brandon thought it could be prudent. This item requires further discussion.

Under NEW BUSINESS:

1. It was agreed upon that the upcoming meeting (Oct. 20, 2010) would be used to develop an outline from which select members of the committee would present our plan to the Archdiocesan Preservation Commission. Items to be presented include:
 - a. North side drainage plan
 - b. Exploration on South side of church to determine if construction on that side is similar to the North side
 - c. Plastering Plan
 - d. Rain Gutter Plan
 - e. Continued installation of vent registers on interior of church
 - f. Cut-away of sidewalk on South side of church
 - g. Investigation of “bubbling” of plaster in church interior
 - h. Investigation of moisture content on lower portion of East wall
 - i. Investigation of “banco” on East side of North bell tower

About 8:45 p.m., Angelo moved that we wrap up our meeting. There was a second, and the meeting adjourned .