



Landmarks Commission

City of Albuquerque  
Planning Department  
Landmarks Commission  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Date: May 10, 2023

## OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

**PR-2021-006364**  
**SI-2023-00588**  
**Historic Design Standards and Guidelines**

**The City of Albuquerque Planning Department, requests approval of the Historic Design Standards and Guidelines for the Barelás Community Center, located at 801 Barelás Road SW, described as Tract 127, Map 40, Rio Grande Park Addition, (K-14-Z).**

On May 10, 2023 the Landmarks Commission voted to APPROVE **PR-2021-006364, SI-2023-00588**, based on the following Findings and Conditions of Approval.

1. The Landmarks Commission proposes to adopt Design Standards & Guidelines for the Barelás Community Center, under 14-16-6-7(C)(2)(d) Adoption or Amendment of Historic Designation.
2. The proposed Design Guidelines and Standards have been reviewed against IDO Section 14-16-6-6(E)(3) Review and Decision Criteria.
3. IDO Part 14-16-6-6(E)(3) stipulates: An application to adopt or amend Design Standards and Guidelines shall be approved if it complies with all of the following criteria 6-6 (E)(3)(a)-(e).
4. The Design Standards and Guidelines are consistent with the criteria and findings for establishment of the Barelás Community Center, a City Landmark, including:
  - a. Community Center Building – The U-shaped adobe building with integrated courtyard wall and enclosed courtyard.
  - b. The architectural features of the secondary adobe wall – The stucco covered adobe wall that steps in height from south to north near the east property line.
  - c. The architectural features of the flagpole – The pole with masonry base outside the front courtyard.

- d. The architectural features of the free standing gateway sign – The pipe framed freestanding sign with scroll lettering. The sign reads: “Barelas Community Center”.
  - e. The architectural features of the 100 x 25-foot auditorium that include a series of six (60 murals depicting Southwest Native American imagery that decorate the walls.
  - f. The architectural features of a substantial fireplace constructed of exposed porous lava rock along the long west wall of the auditorium.
  - g. The architectural features of the small stage with wood surround that is featured along the shorter north wall of the auditorium.
  - h. The architectural features of the kitchen located in the north wing. The kitchen space retains original upper and lower wood cabinetry and a freestanding island of similar construction.
5. All Design Standards and Guidelines incorporate the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties by reference.
  6. The proposed Design Standards and Guidelines are consistent with the relevant criteria for registration on the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties or the National Register of Historic Places, incorporating the elements of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.
  7. The Design Standards and Guidelines will help distinguish and establish the historic qualities and architectural character to be protected. The character of the Albuquerque Main Library is of the Brutalist style; however, it was also designed with attention to Regionalism in the use of colors and materials.
  8. The Design Standards and Guideline will list items and qualities to be preserved for use by LC staff, architects and contractors as work needs to be performed in the future.
  9. The proposed Design Standards and Guidelines meet all the requirements of IDO Part 14-16-6-6(E)(3).

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

***Case # SI-2023-00588 / Project # PR-2021-006364, May 10, 2023***

**APPROVAL of Case # SI-2023-00588/ Project # PR-2021-006364, an application for approval of Design Standards & Guidelines for the Barelas Community Center based on the above nine (9) findings.**

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APPEAL: IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL A **FINAL DECISION** YOU MUST DO SO IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED BELOW. A NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE WILL BE CALCULATED AT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION COUNTER AND IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME THE APPEAL IS FILED.

The applicant or any person aggrieved by decision of city staff may appeal the decision of the city staff designated by the Mayor relative to a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Commission. The applicant or any person aggrieved by decision of the Commission (LC) may appeal the decision to the City Council. Any city staff or Commission decision is final unless appeal is initiated by application to the city within 15 days of the decision. The date the determination is not included in the 15-day period for filing an appeal, and if the 15th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday as listed in §3-1-12, the next working day is considered as the deadline for filing the appeal. A building permit dependent on a case shall not be issued and a proposed project not requiring a building permit shall not be initiated until an appeal is decided or the time for filing the appeal has expired without an appeal being filed.

The City Council, after consideration of the appeal record, may decline to hear an appeal if it finds that all city plans, policies and ordinances have been properly followed. If it decides that there is substantial question that all City plans, policies and ordinances have not been properly followed or are inadequate, it shall hear the appeal.

ALL CASES THAT RECEIVED APPROVAL ON **May 10, 2023** WILL BE MAILED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, AFTER THE 15-DAY APPEAL PERIOD HAS EXPIRED ON **May 25, 2023**.

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