CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-22-17 ENACTMENT NO. D-2022-018

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton by request

1 ORDINANCE
2 DESIGNATING BARELAS COMMUNITY CENTER AS A CITY LANDMARK.
3 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-22-3 NMSA 1978 of the Historic District
4 and Landmark Act the City Council, the governing body of the City of
5 Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt zoning districts designating certain
6 areas as historical areas and to adopt and enforce regulations and restrictions
7 within such district relating to the erection, alteration and destruction of those
8 exterior features of buildings and other structures subject to public view from
9 any public street, way or other public place; and
10 WHEREAS, the authority conferred by the Historic District and Landmark
11 Act is consistent with the authority of the City Council to amend the Zone Map
12 for the physical development of areas within the planning and platting
13 jurisdiction of the City as authorized by Section 3-19-3, NMSA 1978, and by the
14 City of Albuquerque’s home rule powers; and
15 WHEREAS, the protection, reuse, and enhancement of significant historic
16 buildings and districts are goals of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
17 Comprehensive Plan; and
18 WHEREAS, the property owner, consents to the designation of the property
19 as a City of Albuquerque Landmark; and
20 WHEREAS, the Barelas Community Center has historic and cultural
21 significance through its listing on the New Mexico Register of Cultural
22 Properties and the National Register of Historic Places; and
23 WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission, in its advisory role on historic
24 preservation matters has recommended City Council approval of the landmark
25 designation.
26 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF

ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. That the Barelas Community Center be designated a City of Albuquerque Landmark.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS ADOPTED. The City Council adopts the following Findings as recommended by the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission:

(A) This is a request by the property owner to designate the property at 801 Barelas Road SW, specifically described as Tract 127, Map 40, Rio Grande Park Addition as a City Landmark. The approximately 2.6 acre property is located on Barelas Road SW between Barelas Road SW and 8th Street SW and is zoned NR-PO-A.

(B) The subject site contains the Barelas Community Center, a Spanish-Pueblo Revival building, built in 1942, and designed by A.W. Boehning.

(C) The City of Albuquerque is the owner of the property and initiated this application for landmark designation.

(D) Part 14-16-6-7(C) of the Integrated Development Ordinance of 2021 (IDO) provides procedures and criteria for evaluating the suitability of a property for landmark designation.

(E) The Barelas Community Center has historical significance and integrity, is suitable for preservation, and has educational significance. As detailed in the staff report, the Barelas Community Center was constructed by Barelas residents and workers enrolled in the National Youth Administration program. The materials and workmanship characteristic of the Spanish-Pueblo revival style of architecture are evident in the building’s current appearance.

(F) The Barelas Community Center has been both a physical landmark and a center of recreational, cultural and educational activity for the Barelas community since its dedication in 1942 and remains as such today.

(G) The Barelas Community Center meets the criteria for designation of a city landmark in that it is listed on the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

(H) The Barelas Community Center meets the criteria for designation of a city landmark in that it represents the work of A.W. Boehning, a local architect
whose body of work in a variety of architectural styles includes several
buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

(I) The Barelas Community Center meets the criteria for designation of a
city landmark in that it offers a substantially unchanged example of a
regionally inspired revival style that drew from Spanish Colonial and Native
American pueblo building traditions. Its' detailing, plan, method of
construction and materials clearly reflect what is described as Spanish-Pueblo
Revival style of architecture.

(J) The Barelas Community Center meets the Review and Decision
Criteria in the Integrated Development Ordinance for designation of a city
landmark in that it meets criteria #2, #3, #4, #5, and #10.

(K) The features of the Barelas Community Center that help convey its
significance and should be preserved include the building itself – The U-
shaped adobe building with integrated courtyard wall and enclosed courtyard.

(L) The architectural features of the secondary adobe wall – the stucco
covered adobe wall that steps in height from south to north near the east of
the property line.

(M) The architectural features of the flagpole – the pole with a masonry
base outside the front courtyard.

(N) The architectural features of the free-standing gateway sign. The pipe
framed sign with scroll lettering. The sign reads: “BARELAS COMMUNITY
CENTER”.

(O) The architectural features of the 100 x 25-foot auditorium that include
a series of six (6) murals depicting Southwest Native American imagery that
decorate the walls.

(P) The architectural features of a substantial fireplace constructed of
exposed porous lava rock along the long west wall of the auditorium.

(Q) The architectural features of the small stage with wood surround that
is featured along the shorter north wall of the auditorium.

(R) 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.
(S) The Federal Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation shall be incorporated into the specific development guidelines for the Barelas Community Center by reference.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 4. OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. The City Planning Department shall update the Official Zoning Map to reflect the adopted City Landmark designation for the Barelas Community Center, located at 801 Barelas Road SW.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF May, 2022
BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

Isaac Benton, President
City Council

APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF May, 2022

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:

Ethan Watson, City Clerk