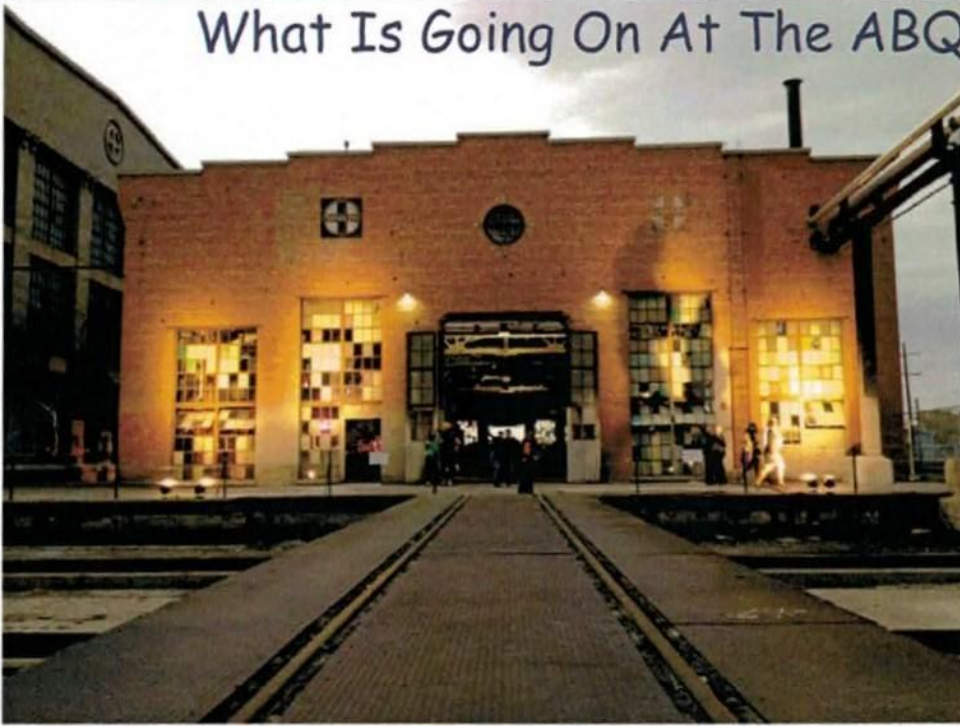


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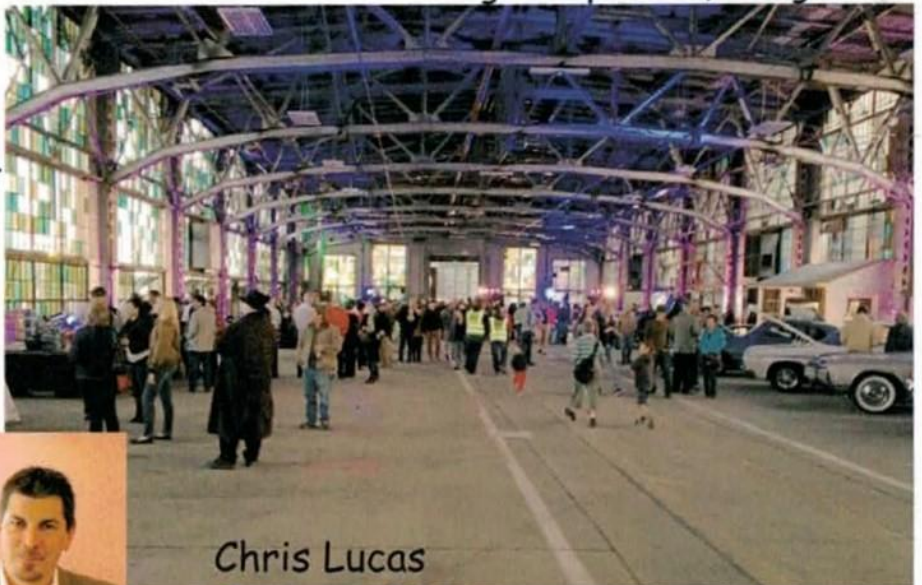


Reviving An Historic Treasure Is Another Reason To Love This Town!

I was fortunate to be invited by a good friend to the recent opening of the Barelás Rail Yards Blacksmith Shop, a half mile south of Downtown. There were Food Trucks for dinner and live music in the upgraded brick, steel and glass chasm (left, and below): After an infusion of \$900,000 in very necessary repairs, the old Blacksmith Shop is the only building safe enough to enter at the Railyards site. Good things are planned, though.

The Barelás Rail Yards were in full operation from about 1915 to the early 1960s. The rail yards were the "heart of Albuquerque", so important that at one point The Rail Yards employed one-out-of-every-four MetroABQ citizens. The city bought the dilapidated rail yards in 2007 for about \$8.5 million, with a commitment that the redevelopment will eventually include some mixed-income housing and a permanent place for the Wheels Museum. The Barelás area, economically devastated when the train station moved a mile north in the 1960s, will hopefully see a great benefit from The Yards redevelopment.

See the next few pages for more photos.



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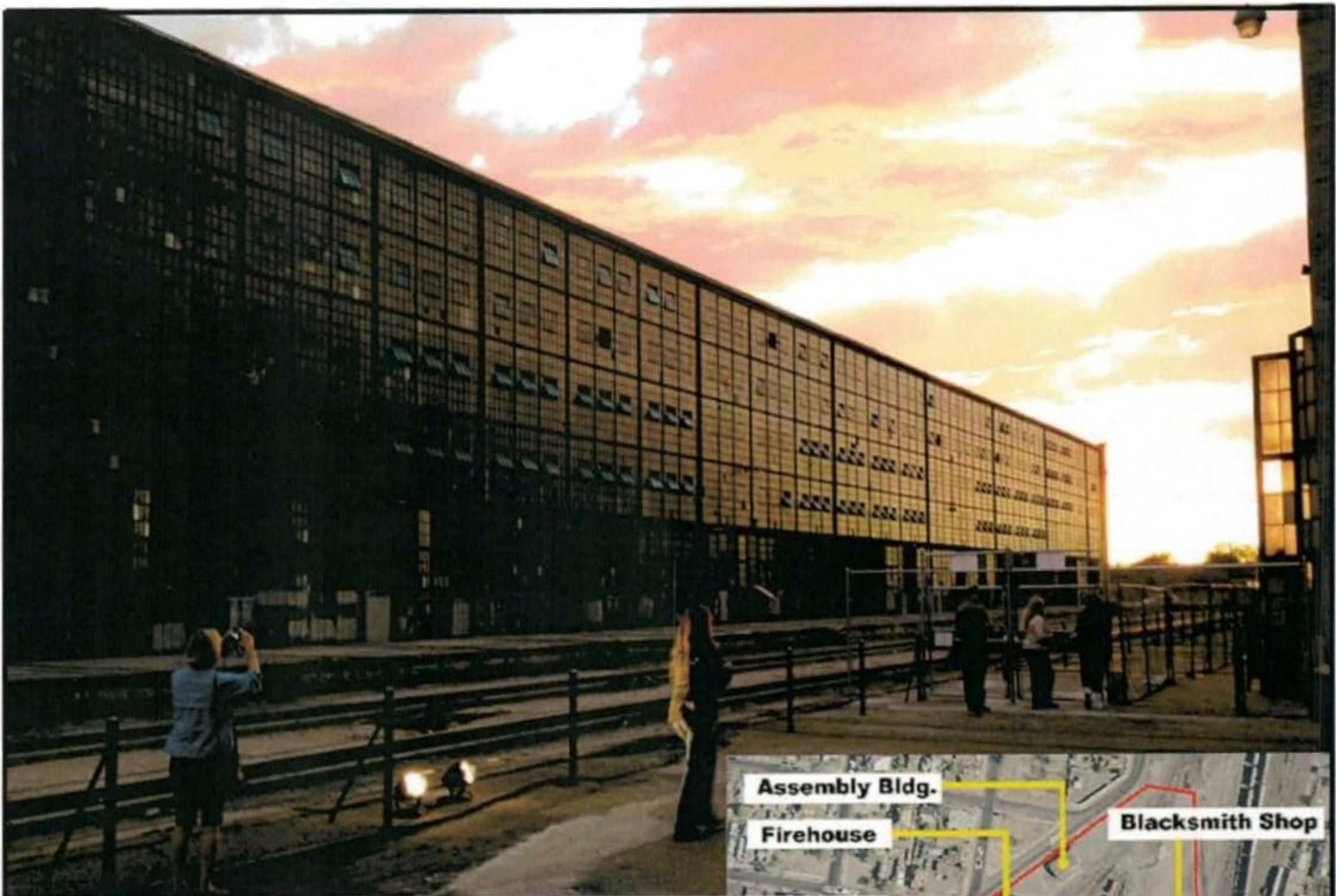
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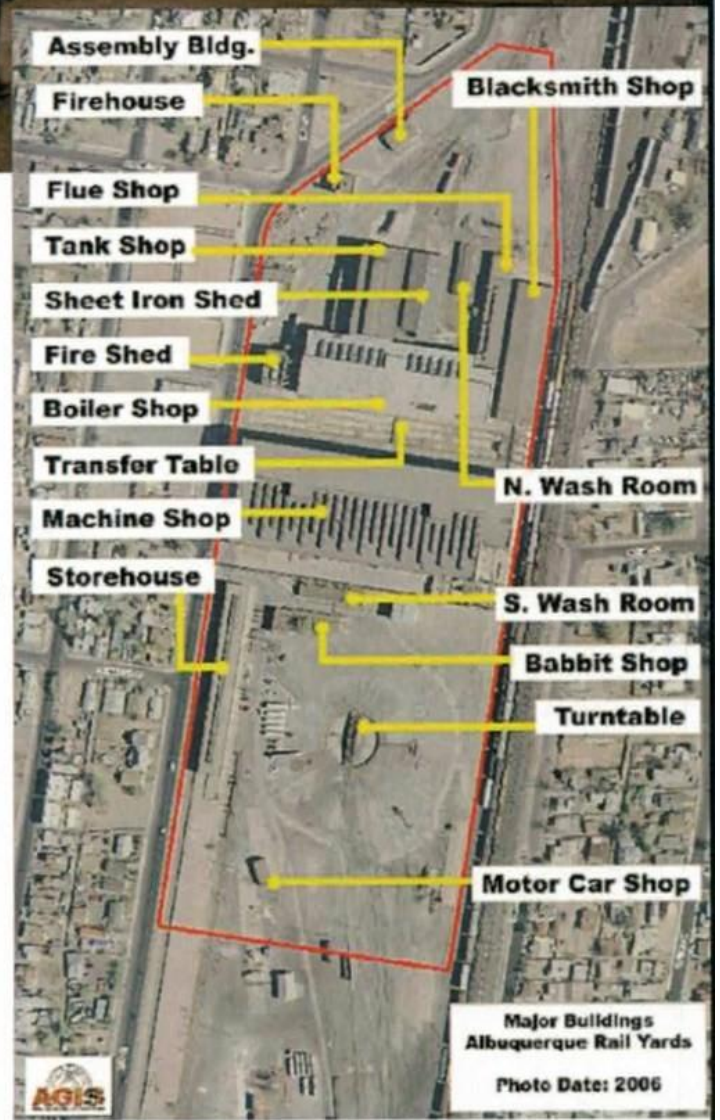


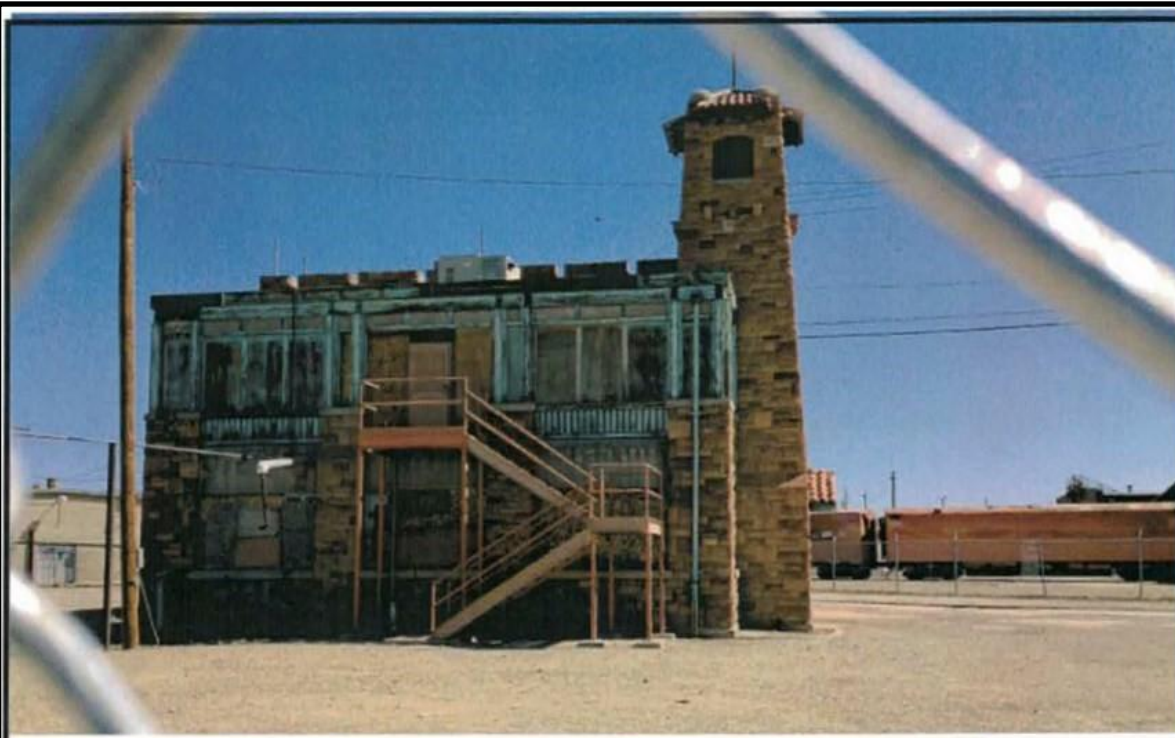


The 27.3-acre Barelvas Rail Yards site fits between Coal Blvd to the north--just south of the [Gertrude Zachary Parisian Castle](#)--and Bridge Blvd to the south. Ultimate plans for the redevelopment are in the Draft stages, with comments from numerous groups affected, who live or do business in the area.

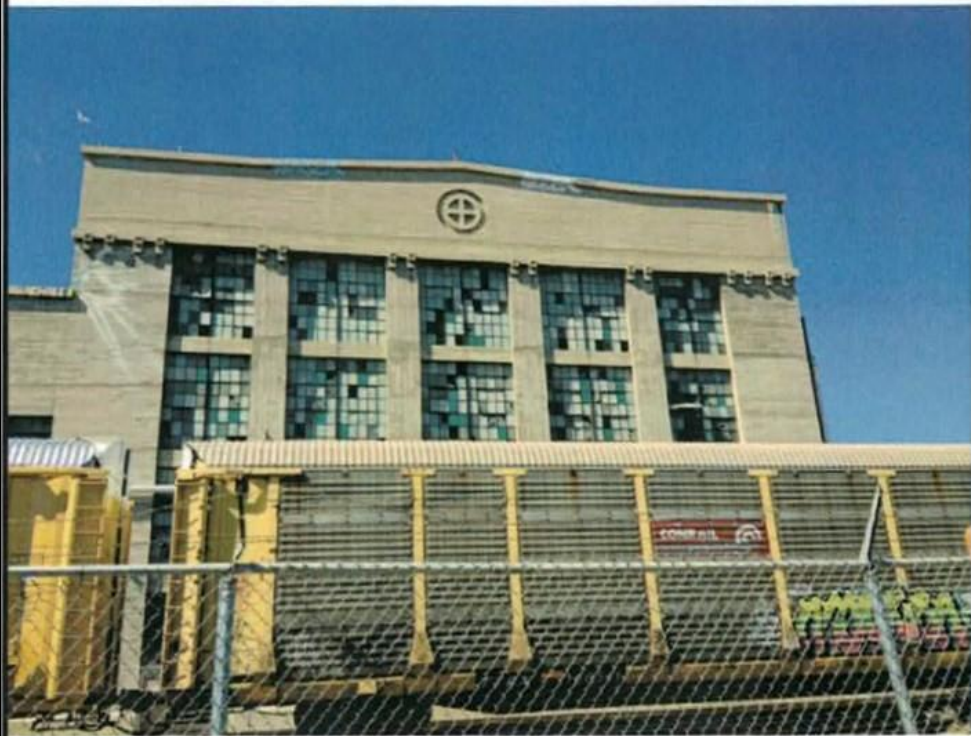
The overarching goal of the Barelvas Rail Yards project is to "find new, sustainable uses for the Rail Yards site that preserve its historic architecture and complement surrounding neighborhoods." [Click for more information.](#)

As you can see to the right, the Blacksmith Shop, which used to lift the train cars aloft so the mechanics could work on them from below, sits in the upper north corner of the site. The image above was taken looking toward the Machine Shop from the Blacksmith Shop. As few Albuquerqueans have set foot inside the sprawling complex for decades, many of us were excited at the amazing photographic moments that presented themselves that night.



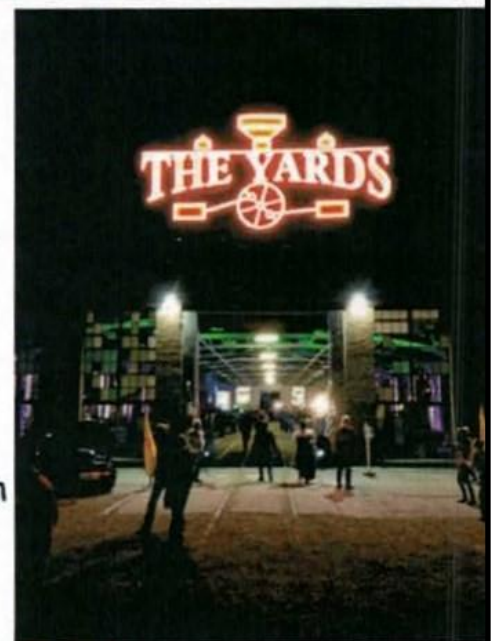
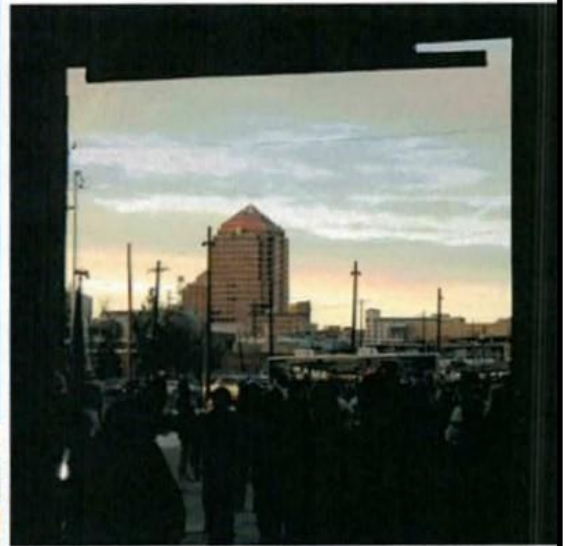


The Firehouse, built in 1920, sits alone on the western section of the Rail Yards, and can easily be seen from 2nd Street & Atlantic Ave. An incredible stone masonry building, it is currently unsafe and off-limits. The long-range plan is to refurbish the historic building. It is a pretty amazing structure to view.

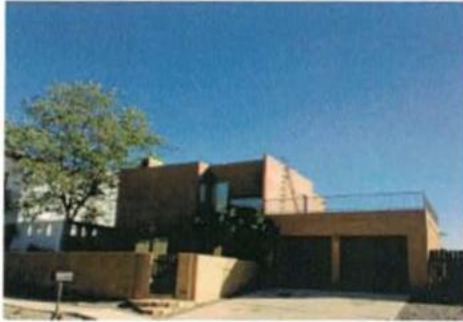


Above: Barelas Rail Yards from the other-side-of-the-tracks--there are very good views of the the Blacksmith shop at The Yards heading south on Broadway into the San Jose neighborhood, and driving along the tracks. The RailRunner uses that track, and you can see it pass just feet from you, separated by a chain-link fence.

To the right, above is a view of Downtown from inside the Blacksmith building. Directly right: An event at the Blacksmith building at night. Besides large-scale community events, The Yards will also focus on job generation, housing, economic development, and architecture and historic preservation.



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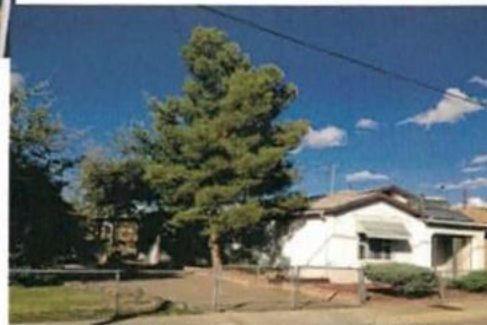
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in Rio Rancho
3bd, 2ba, 1723sqft
\$219,000



10809 Buckboard St NW
in Paradise Heights
3bd, 2ba, 2437sqft
\$220,000



6800 Vista del Norte #1223
a Vista del Norte Condo
3bd, 2ba, 1318sqft.
\$140,000



2411 Dora Avenue NW
in Old Town
3bd, 2ba, 1carport
\$169,000



2109 Gold Ave SE
in UNM-Area
2bd, 1ba, 1000sqft \$180,000

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