

HDRB and misconceptions about history of White House costs: In my opinion as a tour guide and historian who works in historic preservation, it would be a huge mistake to do away with the HDRB. It would be killing the golden goose. I cannot tell you how many people marvel at the look of Santa Fe and the preservation of historic structures and materials and tell me that is why they came to visit.

Other thoughts: I have observed the H Board meetings and have gone before the Board as an applicant and representative. Yes, there are times when they can seem arbitrary but I have observed a much greater effort to be clear about applying the ordinance as it is written in the past few years.

Also historic materials including windows are part of the architectural history of the building and the town. Just yesterday on one of my tours, the visitors remarked about the unique appearance of our downtown and how much they appreciated the character of the buildings.

There are historic towns where you cannot change the footprint of the structure at all--here the ordinance allows a 50 percent increase and somewhat more if you can prove hardship.

As for driving people out of historic districts, it is housing prices now and people's desires (1970s-80s) to live in a more modern house that contributed to descendants of original owners leaving grandma's adobe.

And if there is hardship then the Board has allowed historic materials to be replaced, height to increase and additions to the floor space. But is it a hardship to want to add 3400 sf onto an 1800 sf significant home so you can have studio space, garages, and multiple guest units?...So many owners come before the Board and tell them how they love Santa Fe and its historic character BUT....and then come up with some reason why their property should not be subject to the same restrictions as others.

As for the White House, the owners have been working on the building for years. They spent \$5 million on the construction before they discovered that the initial contractor was not doing the work properly and had made some parts of the building more susceptible to damage. They were not paying attention to his work nor did they seemingly hire a project manager despite the cost of the renovations and the city inspectors also missed these substandard changes.

The HBoard bent over backward to give them many of the changes (nonhistoric) that they wanted--including a green house, a glass roof between the wall on Grant and the building (as if there were not enough windows already), a car port with steel so they could have solar on top of it and a 10 ft perimeter wall so you could not see the solar...The Board has had a clear practice that if a window is more than 40 percent degraded, it may be replaced but if it is 40 percent or less than it needs to be repaired. The owners' own window expert listed several that could be repaired or that were between 30-40 percent degraded (fair condition according to the report) and that the Board wanted repaired. The city councilors should have picked a less expensive renovation to complain about the costs allegedly caused by the H Board IMHO.

City Ethics and Campaign Review Board and IPRA. The ECRB requested the city clerk and code enforcement to produce records showing when David Montoya and Leroy Trujillo were notified of sign violations in the past city election and when code enforcement went out to verify in anticipation of hearings on complaints 2025-4 and 2025-5. The ECRB was told it had to do an IPRA request and then the city changed its mind. However a month later the city has not produced the requested information. It is delaying a hearing on cases 2025-4 (Montoya) and 2025-5 (Trujillo) and has given Montoya time to dream up a frivolous SLAPP complaint of an unregistered PAC because I filed the complaints a day after the election—which obviously would not influence an election.

Risk for city and failure of hired lawyer to be honest re safety at city recreation facilities.:

I asked if Jennifer Bransford who is in charge of the weight room at Perez and who instructs people on work outs and teaches aerobics had any kind of license or certificate to do so. The hired lawyer admitted no but then said it was irrelevant and that no such licensure or certificate is required. However that is an untrue statement. Even city employees who are teaching classes or instructing the public on workouts has to have at a minimum a physical trainer's license/certificate. And certainly outside aerobics, yoga, spin bike, pilates instructors must have the appropriate certificate and insurance. Bransford does not have a Red Cross certificate or CPR training that is required for her job and which she had 6 months to obtain. It has been **six years**. This lack of training creates a major risk and shows the lack of safety in the operation of the weight room FYI. If the city is so concerned about personal injury lawsuits how does it allow this employee to operate without such training and licensures?

Tierra Contenta: Problem with the appeals ordinance The decision by the LUD and the city attorney to find Homewise had no standing is a perfect example of lack of due process in the appeals ordinance. I have given councilors Barrett and Bustamante and now Mayor Garcia suggested changes (limited public hearing) to avoid blocking an appellant without a hearing. The parallel would be a prosecutor going to the judge and the two agreeing that a party lacked standing and dismissing the case without notice to the appellant or an opportunity for the appellant to be heard. **Time To Make a Change Here.**

IPRA Problems On IPRA request S000266-121125, I received a response from Katherine Garcia Gallegos that stated in part “Your request will be internally directed to the relevant department(s) to locate any responsive material we may have. If responsive documents are readily available, we will provide copies of those records immediately. If records are not available within 15 calendar days of your request, you will be notified with an updated estimate of when your records will be available”. The request was for inspection schedule for security cameras in the weight area at Perez and maintenance reports for nonworking cameras at Perez between 1 Jan 2017 and 3 Aug 2021 made on 10 Dec 25. **Five Months later,** I have received no updates from Ms Garcia Gallegos. I believe this is a violation of IPRA.

S000259-121025 I requested copies of Notice of Violation for 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108 and 1110 for lack of maintenance of sidewalks and curbs from 1 Jan 2020 to 8 Dec 2025 and the status of each such notice, summons or complaint.

Ms Garcia-Gallegos's response in part: I have determined your request is excessively burdensome or broad pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 14-2-10 and will respond in a reasonable time while we continue to work with the Land Use Department to locate and identify possibly responsive records to your request. I am currently processing 199 open requests and need to respond to each open request.

I will send you an update on my progress for your request on or about February 27, 2026. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we continue gathering and reviewing material that may be responsive to your request.

I finally received an update about ten days ago (almost five months later) repeating it was burdensome—no end date estimated. Instead I now see online 2 reports for 1102 Don Cubero that stated in part Parkway - 14-9.2 (H) Parkway Corrective Action: Clear parkway/sidewalks of vegetation blocking sidewalk access. (vegetation at the corner of Don Diego/Don Compliance Date: 10/25/2022 Signed by Vidal Garcia.

There were no sidewalks to speak of on that date—they were badly deteriorated. The reports are differently numbered but for the same violation. WTH! Did the inspector Garcia even go out to this block? How could he miss the deteriorated sidewalks and curbs? The deterioration on this block has gone on for over **ten years** now Why did Regina Wheeler tell me that Fred cited the owner at 1102 Don Cubero in Sept/Oct 2025 but no action. These notices were online but no notice was sent to me. **SO again Five Months later no substantive response I sent an email to the mayor and still no response.**

When will the city fix the curbs and sidewalks on this block and assess the owners??????