

Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Bemidji City Hall Conference Room

Call to Order: Chris Bell called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Members present and signed in: Joan Dreyer, Lois Jenkins, Chris Bell, Andy Mack, Jay Tody, excused

Others: Josh Peterson, City Council Rep, Michelle Miller, City Clerk

Linda Lemmer arrived at 3:42 and resumed chair.

No Guests present:

Approve Agenda: Jenkins moved to accept as printed and emailed. Joan Dreyer seconded it. Carried

Approve Minutes March 18, 2025 Commission:

Andy Mack moved to accept minutes as printed and emailed with one correction on page 1 of February 18 minutes. Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried

[Change to: "Election, Chris Bell self nominated for Vice Chair and Lois Jenkins for Secretary. Joan Dreyer stated then she will do the February 18, 2025 minutes.]

Old Business:

SHPO: State Historic Preservation Office:

Joan Dreyer will contact City Manager re: application for city of Bemidji. It can take 3-4 months for approval. State Convention in New Ulm: September 10-12, 2025. Who is planning on Attending? Bemidji has been asked to do a presentation which was due April 11, but what kind of presentation? Michelle Miller suggested a 2-3 member committee to work on presentation with a timeline suggested: 1) membership approval, 2) short presentation at the ready, 3) notify all members. Joan Dreyer plans on attending State Meet.

Sub Committee: Andy, Chris and Joan with focus on Membership/Introduction to SHPO, introductory presentation, looking for assistance to fulfill membership obligations.

State Open Law on Sub committee: No quorum, no public notice, take notes to report back to full commission.

Moved by Chris Bell and Seconded by Andy Mack to form subcommittee. Carried.

Pumping Station 1909:

Communications with two local masonry companys. Con's has taken a relook at 1909 and can make mold and build bricks. Mark Jacobson will add \$15,000-20,000 to original quote to make mold and build bricks. Note: Pumping station has been emptied by Public Works. Were any archives left inside?

100 year old Structures:

5 applications (attached) from Third Street, same owner. BHPC would like a big PR push with Council and media on first decal presentation. Decals are ordered. June: Press Release by City Clerk

New Business:

New Bemidji Hotel Mural: (4:13 pm)

Meyers painting will look at the restoration of this historic ad on brick wall. Meet with Linda Lemmer in next 2-3 weeks. Ken Whalen cannot do. Chris Bell will talk with Mr. Moles. Leys painting cannot do.

Open Meeting Law:

Reminder by City Clerk to adhere to this OML. Re: Send all emails through City Clerks office to members of BHPC. BCC to all.

Don't reply ALL. We can have a conversation by email but it must go through Michelle Miller

February Minutes:

Cover page for 100 year old structure application will be sent by Jenkins to Michelle Miller asap.

Review three 100 year old structure Applications: Tabled until May 22.

Diamond Point WPA bridge Report:

Marcia Larson of Parks and Rec has bids to replace and repair the WPA stone bridge for about \$15,000 Now looking into grants or donations to Parks and Rec. These minutes and bridge repair will also be CC to Donna, City Treasurer.

Next Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 3:30 pm

City Hall

Adjournment: Andy Mack moved to adjourn at 4:40 pm and Chris Bell scconded it. Carried.

Recorded
Lois J Jenkins
Secretary