

## **Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

City Hall Conference Room, Bemidji, Minnesota

317 4th Street NW

**Members Present and signed in:** Linda Lemmer, Andy Mack, Joan Dreyer, Lois J. Jenkins.  
Chris Bell, Jay Today.  
Josh Peterson, City Council Rep

### **Call to Order:**

Linda Lemmer, President called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

**Guests:** No Guests attended.

**Approve Agenda** as written and emailed: Dreyer moved to accept and Mack seconded. Carried

### **Approve Minutes of April 15, 2025**

Chris Bell moved to accepted written and email minutes as presented with following corrections, Joan Dreyer seconded.

Corrections: 1) Pumping Station: "No reply from Con's Masonary will be taking a relook to make mold". "And Mark Jacobson is able to make mold and will add to previous bid to get mold."

2) SHPO: Application: "Groups have been asked to present at State Convention". 3) DREYER

### **Old Business:**

SHPO: Dreyer reported 'no reply' from city manager on application. Subcommittee has not met, need to hear from city manager first. Dreyer will set up meeting in June for committee after follow up with city manager.

### **100 year old structures:**

Three more applications are in and paid. Decals should be here after May 23.

Lemmer will present June 2 to City Council on the upcoming celebration of 100 year old structure decals and invite them to come, to Third Street for 1 if not 4 presentations on Wednesday, June 11 at 12:30 pm, beginning with Northwest Foundation.

Michelle Miller will be inviting the council and media to this event by May 28. BHPC will invite Dan Christianson on his three applications if Chris Bell can get more historical information also. She will email him tonite and get message to Miller asap.

**Mural: New Bemidji Hotel**

See page 14 of Bemidji 125 book for two different ads for New Bemidji Hotel. BHPC will ask Mr. Bush if he is willing to pay for paint restoration on his building not covered by the grant. Bids sought with Mr. Moles and Myers Paint for the 1919 picture in Bemidji 125 book. Cecelia McKeig might have a better color post card of the 1919 ad. Lois can search newspapers for 1919 ad.

**WPA Diamond Point Bridge Repair**

More funds and big machinery needed to fix. Park and Rec seeking funds.

Stairs discussion on Facebook: Leading to Cameron Park from 23rd Street NE. Are they WPA stairs to match Lake Blvd or? As a side note Cameron Park entrance and building are being redesigned. How do stairs fit into this redesign?

**New Business:**

Side discussion: Greenwood Cemetery WPA building. Can this be restored?

Good News: Village and City of Bemidji Council digitization is nearly ready for public presentation.

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025, City Hall**

**Adjournment:** Andy Mack moved to adjourn and Chris Bell seconded, Carried.

Moved into committee to discuss three applications for 100 year old structure.

Recorded by  
Lois J Jenkins  
Secretary

Important Dates:

June 2: City Council

June 11: Decal presentation/s

June 17: Next BHPC meeting