

**Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission
met, Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 3:30 pm at Bemidji City Hall**

Call to Order: Linda Lemmer called meeting to order at 3:35 pm on , Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in the conference room of Bemidji City Hall.

Members present and signed in: Andy Mack, Joan Dreyer, Linda Lemmer and Lois J Jenkins.

Others present: Michelle Miller, Bemidji City Clerk

Excused: Josh Peterson

Notices not received from Chris Bell or Jay Tody Josh Peterson.

No Guests present.

Agenda:

Andy Mack moved to accept printed agenda with addition of report from City Clerk on two items to be added to New Business.

Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried.

May 20 Minutes:

Joan Dreyer moved to accept the May 20, 2025 minutes as printed. Andy Mack seconded. Carried.

Old Business:

-100 year old building presentations:

"Great Day". Great PR before and after. Lemmer presented a thank you card and newspaper clipping from a supporter. Jenkins said it will go into scrapbook. Thanks to T.J Rhodes, Larissa Donovan and Matthew, local media. Now to get other applicants, perhaps all 4 corners of 200 block of Third Street. There are more print brochures available from Lemmer.

New applications will be read at the August meeting. Jenkins will ask Tody to facebook this and Lemmer will contact media when we are ready to present decals to homeowners. There is one application on the table for a home from Wattles-McKeig.

-SHPO annual Conference in New Ulm September 10-12. Dreyer is attending. Anyone else? Dreyer met with City Manager with NO results to bring to City Council BHPC request to join SHPO. She will follow up with Rich and with Mike Koop. Dreyer ventured a plan to get Bemidji SHPO application in for membership so that BCPC has a chance at grants for projects.

-New Bemidji Hotel Mural

No bids yet from Mr. Moles or Meyers Sign. Lemmer continues to call for these bids so that grants can be applied for. There is an offer on table from Bemidji in Bloom for \$1,000. Mr. Robert Bush, owner is on board with project using the 1914 picture of mural.

-1909 Pumping Station

After the storm, Jenkins checked and there is some damage. Andy and Dreyer will check and compare with 2023 pictures. Is this City building insured and has the adjuster been there? Jenkins will check with Sherry R of City Finance Office asap. Also still waiting for Con's Masonry to get back to Lemmer on rock mold status.

-WPA stairs Cameron Park

These stairs are City property (ROW: Right of Way) but are they WPA? Mack will check them out at end of 24th Street soon.

New Business:

-City Clerk Michelle Miller is still working on finalizing the placement of Village and City of Bemidji Council Minutes on the City website, public portal. One company scanned and another cloud-based company indexed these records. She will PR to the public when this great service is ready for 1,000 IPA addresses a day. She gave a demonstration on how this portal works. ARPA funds paid for this project. [Lois mentioned that there are lots of Parks and Rec books at both the History Center and City Hall/Public works that are eligible for grants at MN Digital Library with the help of BCHS Emily Thabes.]

Also note City Clerk is using a 'civic plus: No Reply' email program to us. Don't spam this one out of your email, folks.

Adjournment:

Andy Mack moved to Adjourn at 4:35 pm July 15, 2025. Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried

Recorded,
Lois J. Jenkins