

**Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission
met, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 3:30 pm at Bemidji City Hall**

Call to Order: Linda Lemmer called meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, in the conference room of Bemidji City Hall.

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

Others present: Michelle Miller, Bemidji City Clerk

Excused: Josh Peterson and Jay Tody. .No Guests present.

Agenda:

Joan Dreyer moved to accept the printed agenda. Lois Jenkins seconded it. Carried.

Minutes of July, 2025:

Andy Mack moved to accept the minutes as printed and emailed. Chris Bell seconded it. Carried.

Old Business:

100 year old building Applications: No new applications at this time. Jenkins, Wattles-McKeig, and Lincoln School are still in process.

Discussion on whether to market to corner stakeholders in 200 block, Third Street. Using Bemidji Pioneer pictures of June decal presentations, BHPC brochures and applications, Dreyer will speak to Patterson's owners, Jenkins will speak with the Schroeder building/EAPC owners. (Old First National Bank is open to visit)

SHOP: State Historic Office of Preservation: Minnesota membership.

Dreyer continues to send emails to Bemidji City Manager about joining this organization as City of Bemidji.

State Convention in New Ulm: September 10-12. Dreyer is attending, let her know about sharing travel and motel list.

We all probably got reminders in email from SHPO recently, if not please subscribe to SHPO at Minnesota State Administration website.

<https://mn.gov/admin/about/contact-us/shpo.jsp>

Old New Bemidji Hotel Mural:

Mr. Robert Bush, owner is okay with project using the 1919 photo found in book: Bemidji's 125.

Mr. Mole has submitted a bid in writing for \$15,990. Mr. Myers is still interested and has even contacted a "walldog" in Iowa. A wall dog is a restorer of wall murals. Again, grants will be submitted. Bemidji in Bloom has offered \$1,000 thus far.

Pump Station 1909 Storm Damage of June 21, 2025:

Dreyer took fresh pictures of the damage to roof, chimney and blocks. Mack and Dreyer have not been inside but it is 'bad'.

Lois did not get response from City Finance office on if this building is insured or not. Linda will contact Sam Anderson and see about tarping the building while we wait.

WPA

Because of storm damage June 21, 2025

To City parks, Joan Dreyer moved to table any further discussion of WPA steps (24th Street and Birchmont) and bridge (Diamond Point Park) and seeking more info on the WPA rock building (end of 6th below Lake Blvd) until March, 2026. Andy Mack Seconded it. Carried.

New Business: None

Members Mention:

Happy Birthday to Linda Lemmer

Congratulations to Chris Bell upon retirement from Northwest Foundation after 9.5 years.

Andy Mack will be in Colorado September

Next Meeting: Third Tuesday, September 16, 2025: City Hall

Adjournment: Andy Mack moved to adjourn at 4:12 pm, Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Chris Bell seconded it, Carried.

Recorded

Lois J Jenkins

Secretary