

BEMIDJI HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

City Hall Conference Room
317 4th Street NW



4:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome Guests**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
 - a. January 20, 2026 Meeting
- 5. Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. 100 Year Old Buildings
 - i. Draft Press Release Template
 - ii. McKeig House Information
 - iii. St. Philip's School
 - b. SHPO Follow Up
 - c. Pumping Station 1909 (New Memorial from Salvage)
 - d. Parcel Information
 - e. New Bemidji Hotel Mural
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Ibertson Mural
- 8. Next Meeting**

March 17, 2026
- 9. Adjourn**

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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1. Call to Order at 4:30 pm by Chair, Linda Lemmer

In attendance: Lemmer, Jenkins, Mack, Dryer, Bell, Loeb. Jay Tody excused.

2. Welcome Guests. Noone

City Council Rep Josh Peterson and City Clerk Michelle Miller present.

3. Approve Agenda. Andy Mack moved to accept agenda as printed and mailed. Ashton Loeb seconded. Carried U

4. Approve Minutes. Chris Bell moved to accept minutes of last regular meeting, November 18, 2025. Joan Dreyer seconded it. Carried. U

5. Old Business

100 Year Old Buildings

Schedule Decal Presentation for Cec McKeig House, Discussion, some members needed more documentation for the files. Lois Jenkins talked with St. Philip's about applying for the School (1926) for their Centennial Celebration and to L. Donovan house on same block. Joan and Chris will meet and finish up Decal Presentation format, talking points for media and applicant. (See November 18, 2025)

SHPO Follow Up

Joan Dryer reported has visited or emailed City Manager at least 4 times to get the application in for membership in SHPO. Two projects in Bemidji could use grants from SHPO: Mural and 1909 Pumping Station. The City Attorney has to sign off on application, too. BHPC would like to host the 2027 State SHPO conference.

1909 Pumping Station

Jacobson bid on the table in writing for 'demolition with salvage of this project, but the building is actually larger in square footage than the bid. Loeb will follow up with Sam Anderson, City Public works and Lemmer will recontact Jacobson for a better bid.

Discussion on the work plan for this project and whether or not a RFP is needed. The RFP plan should include the whole parcel, salvage, final demolition and cleanup of site, the Story board or Monument of salvaged materials.

New Business

Motel Mural. Bemidji needs to belong to SHPO to get grants, put back on February agenda

Next Meeting. February 17, 2026 Annual Meeting

Agenda items: Election of Officers,

Annual presentation of BHPC to City Council

Annual Report

Murals

Jenkins asked if BHPC will discuss the work/ideas for 2026?

Andy Mack moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Bell at 5:12. Carried U

Reported

Lois J Jenkins

Secretary

The Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission announces our latest round of certifications for Centennial recognition

This building is being recognized for its continuing presence and service in the Bemidji community for 100 years or more of use. The current occupant listed below is

Name of Building _____

Current Occupant _____

Year built _____

Building Type _____

History of Uses _____

Area/General Location _____

Occupant/ owner Contact information _____

Interesting information/Stories _____

For applications and more information about the 100 year building program, go to:
City of Bemidji website

100_Year_Old_Structures_Application.pdf

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM



Meeting Date: February 17, 2026
Action Requested: Clarification for Request for Proposals
Prepared By: Linda Lemmer

Background:

What information would be needed to give masons a clear concept for RFPs?

Questions:

How big are the blocks we are salvaging? What are the dimensions of the sign we are salvaging?

Is the idea to have a row or two of concrete blocks in the middle for support and then build the old blocks surrounding that center wall? Or bigger, more substantial?

How many story boards will we want? Would we put them on both sides of the wall?

I have contacted Alex of Con's Masonry. He will look at the building again with the idea of salvage and rebuild and let me know if it is something Con's Masonry can do and/or want to do. He thinks he can get back to me before our meeting on the 17th.

Recommendation:

Provide clarification.