

**Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission
Minutes Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Bemidji City Hall**

Members Present:

Andy Mack, Joan Dreyer, Lois J Jenkins, Chris Bell, Ashton Loeb,

Excused: Jay Tody and Linda Lemmer

No Guests:

City Staff Michelle Miller and City Council Rep: Josh Peterson

Chris Bell, vice chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. No Guests to welcome.

Approve Agenda:

Andy Mack moved to accept Agenda as written, Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried.

Approve Minutes of October 21, 2025 Meeting:

Joan Dreyer moved to accept as printed and mailed. Ashton Loeb seconded. Carried.

Old Business:

100 year old Buildings: Joan Dreyer suggested a 'template for news media' for PR purposes be drawn up before next decal presentations. There have been no new applications since the decal presentations this month.

Old/New Bemidji Hotel Mural:

Keep for 2026 Project

SHPO: Joan Dreyer now has information to be presented to City Manager to join SHPO, she will follow up with email to refile the application with SHPO.

Pumping Station 1909/New Monument from Salvage:

Attached to Agenda and Minutes were 3 pages of schematics by Ashton Loeb. Andy Mack moved to accept "Option 2" on page 7 for 2026. Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried. Further discussion produced a plan for future: 1) Ashton Loeb to contact Sam Anderson, Public Works with update and plan as recommended by this Commission; regarding concerns of salvaging for the

monument before any deconstruction by City of Bemidji in cooperation with Mark Jacobson on salvaging and cleaning blocks, City Council will be given annual (January or February) report seeking money for the monument.

New Business:

Moved by Lois Jenkins seconded by Joan Dreyer to draft a letter to the Miller's of. Patterson's Clothing to seek their application for 100 year old building on Third Street. Sample letter included in this packet (minor changes on wording made) will be included with application when a commission member visits. Also in packet was a copy of the history of The "Dalton Hotel" from the Patterson Clothing website. Carried.

No December Meeting: Andy Mack moved to NOT meet in December. Ashton Loeb seconded. Carried.

January 20, 2026 Agenda: Monuments Discussion

Annual Meeting: Tuesday February 17, 2026.

Adjournment: Andy Mack moved to adjourn at Joan Dreyer seconded. Carried.
Time: 5:06 pm. November 18, 2025

Recorded,
Lois J. Jenkins