

BEMIDJI PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Council Chambers
City Hall – 317 4th Street NW
1:00 PM



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

- 1) March 10, 2026

BUSINESS

- 2) 2025 Annual Report
- 3) Kiosk Artwork Approval
- 4) Report on Trash Can Painting Project
- 5) Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Mural
- 6) Voyageur's School Proposal

NEXT MEETING

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Public Arts Commission Meeting
March 10, 2026

Present: Lisa Bruns, Cindy Burger, Sandy Henson, Lisa Jonas, Michele, Miller, and Emilie Rivera
Absent: Kristi Miller and Marcia BMarthaler

Lisa Bruns called the meeting to order at 1PM

Agenda: Lisa Bruns added a Kiosk Project agenda item for discussion with motion carried by Lisa Jonas and a second by Cindy Burger with all approving.

Minutes: The February 10, 2026 minutes were approved on a motion by Jonas and a second by Burger.

Agenda Discussion:

1. Reviewed Annual Report and suggested were made to list commission members, rework wording for sections including:
 - a. Reduce specifics for work done on Policies and Procedures
 - b. Rephrase Art Inventory section to communicate responsibilities of assessing and updating public art inventory, including taking photos, are with the commission, with assistance on updating GIS with City contact.
 - c. Remove Wesley's name, Eggers info, Heritage Commission and Stipend info
 - d. Add addition of PAC as a collaborative/approval hub for public art including the Kiosk, Rail Corridor project, Sculpture Walk and other projects.
2. Suggestion was made to tour town, including parks, as a commission field trip to assess opportunities for art installation and increased town/park vitality.
3. Trash Can Lid project: Lisa Bruns spoke with Scott Schroeder at Parks and Trails and he can order a trash can lid to paint as a prototype for the 6 to 8 other lids that could be artistically painted. Lisa Jonas will ask Loon Country Arts Collaborative if there is interest to paint a prototype. A Call for Art would be implemented for the other lids to be painted; likely through Parks and Trails and PAC to approve proposed art.
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant mural project: Hattie Peterson interested in project. Estimates of time, materials and access to scaffolding to be determined and further discussion at next PAC meeting.
5. Kiosk Project: Call for art in progress with due date of April 17 and Kiosk Committee reviewing submissions on April 22. PAC will leave time for review as well as conduct normal business on April 28 at 1PM.
6. Sandy Henson moved to adjourn meeting and Lisa Jonas seconded.

2025 Bemidji Public Arts Commission Annual Report

Commission Members: Kristi Miller, Cindy Burger, Lisa Bruns, Lisa Jonas, Marcia BMarthaler, Paula Swenson, Katie Carter and Emelie Rivera, Bemidji City Council representative.

Project Updates and Initiatives

At its February 11th meeting, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) re-elected Kristi Miller as Chair and Secretary, and Cindy Burger as Vice Chair. Commission accepted the resignations of Katie Carter and Paula Swenson and welcomed Sandy Henson as a new member.

- **Policies & Procedures and Bylaws** annual review resulted in changing the title to PCA Policies and updating references by removing the Greater Planning Board and City of Planning Board. The Bylaws were not changed.
- **Bemidji Hotel Sign Restoration:** The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) expressed interest in restoring the Bemidji Hotel sign. This project would involve assessing the current condition of the sign and exploring strategies for its preservation and restoration. PAC determined the project is not within its scope.
- **BDA Corner Kiosk Project:** The Bemidji Downtown Alliance (BDA) corner kiosk project was introduced to the Commission. The artwork applied to the first corner kiosk was completed and the project is ongoing. BDA agreed that all further art installations will be reviewed by the PAC prior to art installation.
- **Wastewater Plant Mural Restoration:** The Commission reviewed restoration plans and began identifying repairs, selecting an artist, and setting the project budget.
- **PAC Visibility Efforts:** The Commission continues to focus on increasing the visibility of PAC within the community. Strategies include outreach, communications, and highlighting PAC projects and achievements.
- **Region 2 Arts Grant Usage:** The Commission discussed the utilization of the \$1,000 Region 2 Arts grant. The grant funds are to support ongoing and upcoming PAC projects, in alignment with the Commission's goals.
- **2026 Goals:** Complete the Art Inventory; City Park art projects, Wastewater Treatment Plant mural & expand partnerships with artists and art organizations.