

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY AND POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Conference Room
City Hall – 317 4th Street NW
4:00 PM



1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. March 24, 2026
4. **BUSINESS**
 - b. New Board Members - Clinton Holthus and Bella Schaefer
 - c. Vacancy - Applicant Being Interviewed in May
5. **NEXT MEETING**
6. **ADJOURN**

Community & Police Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2026

Roll Call / Attendance:

Present: Shannon, Thomas, Clint, Audrey Thayer, Selena, Chief Mastin, Barb, Ashley, Isabella, Sandy (Neighborhood Connections)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Ashley

Second: Selena

All in favor

Approval of Minutes:

No prior minutes available; tabled

Election of Officers:

Chair: Shannon Seilbel (nominated by Selena; approved unanimously)

Vice Chair: Thomas Sorenson (nominated by Selena; approved unanimously)

Secretary: Andrea (nominated by Selena; approved unanimously)

Neighborhood Connections / Summer Picnic 2025 Review:

Sandy provided an overview of upcoming community picnics:

Ridgeway: June 9 and July 7

Conifer: June 22 and July 21

Key points:

- Events provide food and opportunities for community connection
- Part of a six-year project that began as a Rotary initiative
- Offices located at both sites with support staff, including an AmeriCorps navigator and housing navigator
- Pilot project supported by Minnesota Housing
- Staff include Emmy Prince and Taylor Vanerskin
- Neighborhood Connections invited CPAB to participate and collaborate

Board Member Recruitment and Update:

One open position

Additional members are in the process of joining

Meeting Frequency / Schedule 2026:

Regular meetings will continue

Summer meetings proposed to align with community picnics

Motion by Selena to hold June, July, and August meetings at picnic locations

Second: Shannon

All in favor

Outreach Discussion:

Flyer for CPAB shared by Selena

Discussion on increasing awareness through community organizations

Shannon suggested creating an updated contact list

Motion by Thomas to move further outreach discussion to next meeting

All in favor

Next Meeting:

April 28

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Ashley

Second: Thomas

All in favor