

BEMIDJI PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

**Conference Room
City Hall – 317 4th Street NW
1:00 PM**



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

- 1) May 12, 2026 Minutes

BUSINESS

- 2) G15 Public Art Grant
- 3) Wastewater Treatment Mural
- 4) Voyageurs and North Country Park
- 5) Donation of Art - Peace Pole
- 6) Kiosk/Arist Reception - September 12

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

CITY OF BEMIDJI
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026

Present: Cindy Burger, Kristi Miller, Lisa Bruns, Sandy Henson & Emelie Rivera

Absent: Marcia BMarthaler and Lisa Jonas

Others: Michelle Miller, City Clerk and Scott Schroeder, Parks & Trails Dept, Brett Wallin & Elaine Hardwick from Voyageurs Expeditionary School

Bruns called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Miller with a second by Henson after moving the Voyageurs issue to the top.

Minutes: The April 28, 2025 minutes were approved on a motion by Burger with a second by Henson. Motion carried.

Voyageurs School: Elaine Hardwick and Brett Wallin, from Voyageurs, attended to ask “permission” to have their students create art out of some of the tree stumps and other downed items in one or more of the city parks. They’d received a grant to install and secure the pieces and would now like a green light from us. A couple parks suggested are Algoma and the ‘story walk’ area of North Country park on 30th St. Schroeder will take it to the Parks Commission. **Miller motioned to recommend Voyageurs Expeditionary School students make art out of storm damage in Bemidji Parks. Second by Henson. Motioned carried.**

2025 Annual Report: Burger motioned to approve the report with a second by Miller. Motion carried. Bruns will take it to the City Council.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Mural: We received a bid, of \$8,000, from Wesley May (the original artist) to repaint the mural. Rivera will take it to the Council on Monday May 18th.

BDA Kiosk Artist Reception: It is planned for Sept 12th from 5-7 at the Watermark Art Center. We should attend.

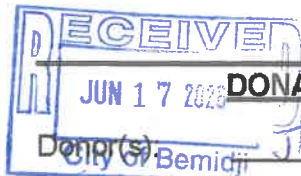
Trash Can Lids: Elaine Netland submitted a bid of \$300 per lid. Schroeder will contact her to direct her to the appropriate lids. **Henson motioned to approve with a second by Burger. Motion carried.**

City of Bemidji Centennial Sign: Schroeder would like an artist to re-paint the sign down by Paul and Babe. Butch Dodge was suggested or possibly Brett Wallin. Their contacts will be sent to Scott.

Next meeting is July 14th at 1PM

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Miller, second by Burger. Motion carried.

CITY OF BEMIDJI PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
317 4TH STREET NW
BEMIDJI, MN 56601



DONATION OF GIFT OF PUBLIC ART – DONOR INFORMATION

Donor(s): JOHN & KATHY EGGERS
Address: 20269 IRVINE AVE NW
Email: envision@PAULBENYAN.NET
Telephone: 218-766-9009
Description of Gift: PEACE POLE

AGREEMENT

Donor hereby transfers and assigns all right, title and interest, free of restrictions or encumbrances, in the tangible personal property listed above (the "Gift of Public Art"), and all rights (including trademarks and copyrights) associated with it (the "Rights") to the City of Bemidji, a municipal corporation under the laws of the state of Minnesota, subject to formal acceptance by the City Council as provided below, for use as public art by the City in accordance with the Public Arts Commission Policy. Donor further warrants and represents that Donor has the full power and authority to transfer the Gift of Public Art to the City of Bemidji, and has received no goods or services from the City of Bemidji in consideration of this gift.

Donor certifies that to the best of Donor's knowledge, the Gift of Public Art, if imported, has not been exported from its country of origin in violation of the laws of that country in effect at the time of the export, nor imported into the United States in violation of the United States laws and treaties.

The City of Bemidji and the Public Arts Commission do not promise that any Gift of Public Art will be exhibited permanently or otherwise by the City.

A gift of public art to the City of Bemidji are deductible from taxable income in accordance with the provisions of Federal income tax law. However, by the acceptance of this Gift of Public Art, neither the City of Bemidji nor its Public Arts Commission can, in their official capacity, give appraisals for the purpose of establishing the tax-deductible value of donated Gift of Public Art. The Donor, at their expense, must independently secure evaluations of tax deductible value.

Donor acknowledges that the City of Bemidji can only accept a donation of a Gift of Public Art by Resolution of the City Council, and Donor further acknowledges that the acceptance is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this donation form.

Dated: 6/2/26

Donor(s)

John Eggers
Kathy Eggers

Approved by Public Arts Commission

Dated: _____

By _____

Acceptance by City of Bemidji

Date: _____

By _____

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Project To Get A Better Understanding
Of Peace Poles.*

What is a Peace Pole

Peace Poles carry the message of peace, May Peace Prevail On Earth, in the languages of the world. They are recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument dedicated to peace on earth. Peace Poles have been planted on every continent in over 200,000 communities by friends and supporters working in unison to uplift the consciousness of humankind.

They serve as reminders to cultivate peace in thought, word, and action while symbolizing humanity's shared desire for a world at peace and in harmony with all of creation.

Plant a Peace Pole

Peace Poles act as beacons of hope, inspiring people to come together and work towards a more peaceful world. Planting a Peace Pole often involves ceremonies and community events, fostering unity and a shared spirit of goodwill.

From city parks and schools to places of worship, businesses, and private gardens, Peace Poles are installed in various locations, spreading the universal message of peace on earth.

Planting a Peace Pole connects your community with others around the world who have also planted them in the spirit of peace.

Get Your Peace Pole

Our low-maintenance and weather-proof Classic White Peace Pole is lovingly handcrafted and made to order at the headquarters of May Peace Prevail On Earth International, located in upstate New York.

Peace Poles carry the universal message, May Peace Prevail On Earth, in the languages of your choice. They are available in various sizes, designed for both indoor and outdoor use.

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Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony

A Peace Pole dedication ceremony is an exciting event, whether it is planned for a public place where hundreds of people will attend or a private backyard. Every dedication ceremony is a unique outcome of the shared experience of those who plan the program, as well as those who attend.

Some Peace Poles are already placed in the ground prior to the ceremony and unveiled during the dedication. Or you may choose to have a group planting, where everyone gets to heave a shovelful of dirt.

Various items may be planted along with your Peace Pole. A dedication plaque is particularly appropriate for Peace Poles in public places, so that everyone will know what your Pole stands for. Plan a re-dedication ceremony for the following year.

Remember that your Peace Pole dedication or re-dedication can include any elements you bring to it. Whatever you do, the important part is to hold your intentions for world peace in your heart and send it around the world. You will make it special, you will be a bringer of peace. You cannot go wrong if you plan your Peace Pole dedication with lots of love!

The videos below are a great way to visualize the various ways you can dedicate your Peace Pole.

We would love to hear about your Peace Pole dedication. Please [email](#) us your story and photographs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Power of Thought

Thought forms create an energetic field strong enough to empower the course of planetary destiny.

The Power of Words

Words carry vibrations strong enough to inspire, heal and transform the human heart as well as the Kingdom of plants, animals and all creation.

The Power of May Peace Prevail On Earth

May Peace Prevail On Earth is an all inclusive message.

It is a meeting place of the heart, bringing together people of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures to embrace the Oneness of our planetary family.

Our Mission is Simple

To spread the Universal Message of Peace, May Peace Prevail On Earth, far and wide to embrace the lands and people of this Earth.