

BEMIDJI PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

- 1) July 14, 2026

BUSINESS

- 2) Kiosk/Arist Reception - September 12
- 3) Donation of Art - Peace Pole
- 4) Voyageurs and North Country Park
- 5) Art Inventory/GIS
- 6) Rail River Corridor
- 7) Sanford Center Solar Panels

NEXT MEETING

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CITY OF BEMIDJI
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2026

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

Others: Michelle Miller, City Clerk, Dereck Bernard, City GIS department and Kevin Johnson of MyBemidji (briefly).

Bruns called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Miller with a second by BMarthaler.

Minutes: The May 12, 2026 minutes were approved on a motion by Jonas with a second by Burger.

GIS Public Arts Grant: The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment granted \$1,000 to the Bemidji Downtown Alliance to inventory our public art, as defined by City code, on downtown city property. Kevin Johnson will begin inventorying the works and funnel the data to Derek Bernard in the GIS department. The inventory system, which originated a couple years ago by previous employees, is able to be accessed. Each piece will be photographed, have a title and artist/owner, possibly the year installed (if known) data regarding the materials used and info on what possible maintenance the pieces may need. The public will be able to view it upon completion. Johnson will gather this data by July 1, 2027 and will be the recipient of the \$1,000.

Waste Water Treatment Mural: Wesley May has completed the “cleaning up” of the mural and there was good coverage of his efforts in the Pioneer. The City will pay him \$8,000.

Voyageurs and North Country Park Project: Elaine Hardwick, from Voyageurs School, said the students are working on the project and she has projected all will be completed by the end of August. The kids and the project was covered in the Pioneer and Madison from the Tourist Information Center will post a press release, as provided by Michelle, on the City FB page.

Peace Pole donation: The Eggers have donated the pole to the City and it now has to be installed. It is not known, at this time, if the council will approve it and where it will be placed which is not PAC’s responsibility. **Miller motioned to pass the issue to the City Council for acceptance and the positioning of the pole. Second by BMarthaler. Motion carried.**

BDA Kiosk Artist Reception: It is planned for Sept 12th from 5-7 at the Watermark Art Center and the expenses associated with it, i.e. beer, wine, snacks , apps and supplies will be paid from the original \$1,000 (from 2022) that came from the Bemidji Public Arts Commission.

Next meeting is Sept 8th 1PM.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Burger and a second by Jonas. Motion carried.