

BEMIDJI HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

**City Hall Conference Room
317 4th Street NW**



4:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome Guests**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
 - a. July 21, 2026
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. 100 Year Old Buildings
 - b. Update on New Bemidji Hotel/Troppmann Building (Ashton)
 - c. Update on 1909 Pumping Station (Ashton)
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Brochure Review
- 7. Next Meeting**

October 20, 2026
- 8. Adjourn**

**Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission
Minutes, Tuesday, July 20, 2026
City Hall Conference Room**

4:30 pm.

Linda Lemmer, Chair called the meeting to order.

Member attendance:

Chris Bell, Linda Lemmer, Lois J Jenkins, Andy Mack.

Jay Tody, Ashton Loeb both arrived late. City Council rep: Josh Peterson and City Clerk clerk: Michelle Miller. Joan Dreyer excused. No guests.

Agenda:

Lois J Jenkins moved to accept the agenda as present and sent to members. Andy Mack seconded. Carried.

Minutes June 16, 2026

Chris Bell moved to accept as present in written form. Linda Lemmer seconded. Carried.

Old Business:

100 year old structures: No new applications. Cecelia Wattles McKeig's home at 422 Irvine Av was presented her 100 year decal on June 30 with a few members present. No media present, waiting for further p.r. On this event.

New Bemidji Hotel Mural:

Some other funders for Mr. Robert Bush to pursue with BHPC might be: Neilsen Foundation, Region 2 Arts, Mn Historical Society. It was suggested perhaps Beltrami County Historical Society could be fiscal agent for grants. See Emily Thabes and BCHS board. Mr. Bush is considering registering this Kaplan building on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Pumping Station 1909:

Ashton Loeb requesting timeline for demolition of Pumping Station 1909 from City Manager via email.

SHPO:

After some discussion by members who attended July 20 City Council meeting, Jay Tody moved to discontinue application to CLG and stop seeking City of Bemidji ordinance changes. Ashton Loeb seconded. Carried

Discussion: BHPC thanks Michelle Miller and Attorney Robert for their explanation to City Council on SHPO requests.

New Business:

Troppman Building,

Ashton Loebis stated "the building is in trouble". It is on the books as being stick built in 1896 with brick facade later added. He is working with Mr. Robert Bush on preliminary paper to apply to National Register of Historic Places for recognition.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026: 4:30 pm City Hall. [Lois Jenkins will not be in attendance or reachable via zoom, she'll be in transport.]

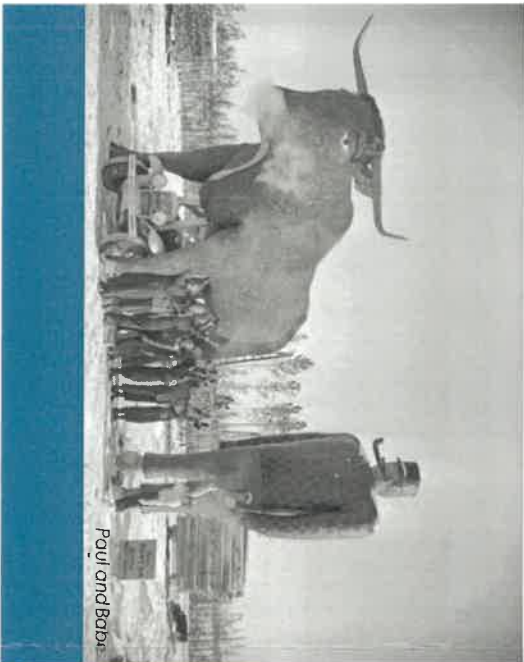
Adjourn:

At 5:02 pm Andy Mack moved to adjourn. Chris Bell second. Carried

Recorded,

Lois J Jenkins

Secretary



"I believe that the more you know about the past, the better you are prepared for the future."

~Theodore Roosevelt



On June 8, 1906, Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act into law. This law provided the means to preserve historical sites and buildings.

Please scan to learn more about the Antiquities Act of 1906



Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission is comprised of seven volunteers, appointed by the Bemidji City Council, to advise on preserving selected sites, projects, and historical data. To find opportunities to serve and to access past Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission minutes online, go to: ci.Bemidji.mn.us and search Heritage Preservation

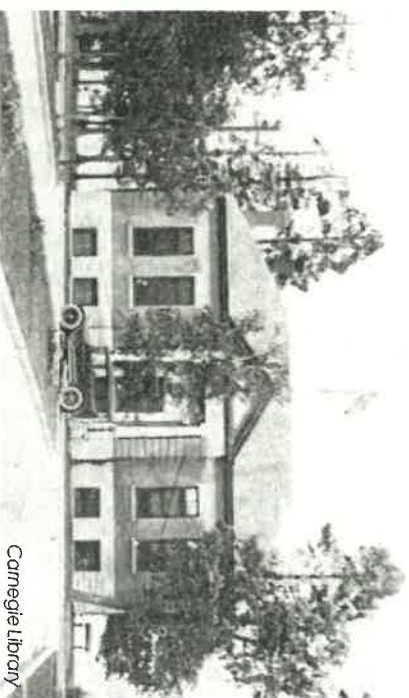


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Carnegie Library

City of Bemidji
Heritage
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Commission

Established in 1991 by city ordinance to preserve, promote, and protect Bemidji's Heritage.

National Historic Register places in Bemidji

- Carnegie Library: 1980
- Beltrami Courthouse: 1988
- David Park House: 1988
- Paul Bunyan and Babe: 1988
- Great Northern Depot: 1988
- Nymore Bridge: 1989

National Historic Register places in Beltrami County

- Camp Rabideau: 1976
- Saum School: 1980
- Debs School: 1988
- Lake Bemidji State Park Rustic Cabins: 1989
- Buena Vista Archaeological area: 1996
- Three Island Lake Historical site: 2012
- M and I RR Blackduck Trestle: 2014

Bemidji Historic Places

- Lake Bemidji South Shore Bathhouse
- Lake Bemidji Indian Trail
- Pump House #9



Great Northern Railway Depot



Nymore Bridge



Lake Bemidji Indian Trail



Southshore Bathhouse



Pump House #9



Shayno Wiskung, Chief Bemidji



Gitenim bebakaan mewzha zhibimaadiziwi...
Honoring history's perspectives...

We are committed to collecting and saving the stories that make up the history of these places. We seek to provide context and perspective to how these places have shaped what Bemidji is today.

History is a gathering of perspectives, cultures, peoples, stories, and memories.

Heritage is the cultural legacy which we receive from the past, which we live in the present and which we will pass on to future generations.

We are dedicated to giving voice and protecting cultural heritage.