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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR HISTORIC COMMISSION

The City is currently accepting applications to fill two open positions on the Historic Commission. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on March 31, 2010. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the March 9, 2010 or April 13, 2010 Historic Commission meetings. Interviews will be conducted by the City Council at the April 26, 2010 work session. Confirmation of the chosen candidate will be at the City Council public hearing on May 3, 2010.

Copies of the application form are available at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. Electronic copies of the application may be requested by contacting Molly Markarian at 541-726-4611 or at mmarkarian@ci.springfield.or.us.

Background:

The qualifications for membership on the Historic Commission include being appointees of Willamalane Park & Recreation District or Springfield School District #19; or individuals who meet professional qualifications in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, archeology, or related fields who live within the Metropolitan Area General Plan boundaries; or residents, electors, or property owners within Springfield.

The Springfield Historic Commission is appointed by the City Council and serves to advance the identification, protection, preservation, education, and interpretation of Springfield's cultural heritage and history. As such, the Commission organizes projects and programs to encourage stewardship of the community's historic assets. The Commission also reviews development and restoration requests within the Washburne Historic District and for other Springfield historic resources. Historic Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month starting at 5:30pm in the Library Meeting Room in City Hall.

One vacancy comes as a result of the expiration of a current Commissioner's term. The candidate re-appointed or appointed to that position is eligible to serve a full, four-year term. The other vacancy is the result of the resignation of Sean VanGordon. The candidate appointed

to that position will fill the remainder of Mr. VanGordon's term, which expires in September 2012.

For more information, contact Molly Markarian at 726-4611 or at mmarkarian@ci.springfield.or.us.