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CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR CITIZEN POLICE PLANNING TASK FORCE

The city of Springfield is accepting applications to fill volunteer positions on the 10-member Police Planning Task Force. The positions currently open include four citizen-at-large representatives and two business representatives, and the terms of the applicants chosen will expire in July 2018. Two of the at-large and one of the business representative positions have incumbents who are eligible for reappointment to second terms.

Application forms: are available online at http://www.springfield-or.gov/documents/BCCApplicationFormFillable_000.pdf or in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. The deadline to apply is May 9, 2014. Preliminary reviews of all interested candidates will be taken by a subcommittee of the current task force. Interviews of the applicant finalists will be conducted by the City Council on July 14, 2014, and appointments will be made at a City Council meeting on July 21st.

For more information about the Police Planning Task Force or future meeting information, call Michael Harman at 541.726.2347

Background: The task force was initially established in 1994 to develop a long-range plan for providing police services in Springfield. The plan was completed and adopted by the City Council in April 1996 and was updated in 2002. The resolution adopting the original plan included a provision that the task force be continued for the purpose of providing citizen input to the Chief of Police on long range plan implementation strategies, and development of police department operational policies and procedures. Membership consists of six neighborhood and citizen-at-large representatives, one School District #19 representative, one Willamalane Parks and Recreation District representative, and two business community representatives.

The City Council strongly recommends all applicants attend at least one task force meeting prior to the appointments. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2014 at the Springfield Police Department. The group generally meets monthly.