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SPRINGFIELD ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORICAL COMMISSION Two positions open January 1, 2007

The Springfield Historical Commissions strives to promote stewardship for historic preservation through education and participation. The Commission conducts tours of historical sites, organizes historical programs, and helps the Springfield community develop an appreciation of its historic heritage. In addition, the Commission reviews development proposals within the Washburne Historic Landmark District and development proposals that impact Springfield's historic resources.

Applications are available at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 5th Street. The application deadline has been extended to Friday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted by the Springfield City Council on February 12, 2007 and confirmations will be held on February 20, 2007. Historical Commission meetings are held the first Monday of every month at City Hall in the Library Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m. The next public meeting will be held on January 8, 2007. Candidates are invited to attend this meeting and stay for introduction interviews at 7:00 p.m. A second opportunity to meet the Commissioners prior to council interviews will be February 5, 2007.

Qualifications for individuals appointed to the Commission may include appointees of other Springfield public agencies; or, specialists with expertise in the fields of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, or archaeology who live within the Metro-area General Plan boundaries; or, appointees shall be residents, electors, or property owners within Springfield.

Additional Background: The first Commission opening is the result of the term expiration of Commissioner Roxie Metzler on December 31, 2006. Commissioner Metzler is seeking her second term. The second opening is the result of Commission James McNett's re-location to the Seattle area after completing his graduate work in Historic Preservation at the University of Oregon. Contact Historical Coordinator, Kitti Gale, at 726-3632 for additional information and meeting dates.