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SUBJECT: Mayor Ness Encourages Citizens to Apply for City Boards and Commissions: Updated

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Citizens Encouraged to Serve on City Boards and Commission: Updated version

Mayor Ness is encouraging Duluth residents to submit an application to be considered to serve on City of Duluth boards and commissions which currently, or in the near future, will have vacancies. The City of Duluth has approximately 30 boards and commissions, providing valuable input and leadership on topics that include disabilities, alcohol licensing, planning and zoning, and many others.

To view the entire list of boards and commissions, please check the city's website at:

http://www.duluthmn.gov/clerk/boards_commissions/index.cfm

To be considered to serve on any of the boards or commissions, an application needs to be filled out. Applications are kept on file for two years. For most of the boards and commissions, Duluth residency is required. Applications are available on the city's website, or by calling the City Clerk's office at 730-5500.

Applications need to be received by Friday, February 15, 2013, and sent to the City Clerk's office, Room 330, 411 W. 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802

Current openings are for the following boards and commissions:

Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco Commission - 3 vacancies - 3 year term - Must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City of Duluth for at least 1 year immediately preceding his/her appointment. This commission investigates every license application to sell alcoholic beverages within the City and advises and aids the City Council in exercising its

licensing duties under Minnesota charitable gambling laws.

American Indian Commission - 4 vacancies - 3 year term - To ensure that the views of the American Indian community are incorporated in the decision making, future planning, and stewardship of the city of Duluth.

Building Appeal Board - 4 vacancies (bldg trade union, finance, bldg material supply, and residential bldg construction) - 3 year term - This board hears appeals from decisions by the Building Official interpretation of the State Building Code, the Duluth Housing code, and the handling of appeals pertaining to the Fire Chief's interpretation of the Fire Code.

Commission on Disabilities - 5 vacancies, 3 year term - This commission assesses the needs of disabled persons regarding matters such as employment, housing, transportation, accessibility and equal rights and advises the city of such assessments.

Duluth Human Rights Commission - 2 vacancies, 3 year term - This commission promotes cultural diversity in Duluth; promotes the elimination of hate, prejudice and discrimination against persons or groups based on race, gender, religion or other status of the person or group.

Duluth Public Arts Commission - 2 vacancies, 3 year term - This commission establishes the criteria for the selection of artists, locations for works of art and the works of art themselves.

Historic Preservation Commission – 2 vacancies, 3 year term – (1 vacancy must be preservation professional) Members shall be persons who have demonstrated an interest in the historical, cultural or architectural development of the city or who own property within a historic preservation district. The commission shall have the responsibility of recommending to the city council the adoption of ordinances designating areas, places, building structures, works of art or other objects having special historical, cultural or architectural interest for the community as historical preservation landmarks or districts;

Library Board – 1 vacancy, 5 year term - This board advises the Director, City Administration and City Council on Library policies, proposed new services, proposed new facilities and on the deletion of services and facilities. It also aids in raising gifts and donations, the securing of grants and advises on the expenditure of trust funds.

Parks and Recreation Commission – 3 year term, 3 vacancies - (1 vacancy - land management, 1 vacancy living in Council District 4, and 1 vacancy living in Council District 5)

- This commission studies the use of public-owned property for the purpose of public recreation and makes recommendations to the city regarding same.

Planning Commission - 2 vacancies, 4 year term - This commission advises the City Council on all planning and development matters including rezoning, issuance of special use permits, and community development policies.

Tree Commission - 4 vacancies, 3 year term - This commission recommends and advises the city on policies, budgetary concerns and technical tree-related issues having an impact on boulevard trees, urban forest management and tree preservation.

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