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SUBJECT: Mayor Seeking Applicants for Boards and Commissions

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Mayor Seeking Applicants for Boards and Commissions

[Duluth, MN] - Mayor Don Ness is encouraging Duluth residents to apply to serve on any one of several City of Duluth boards and commissions which currently have or will have vacancies in the near future. The City of Duluth has approximately 50 boards and commissions, providing valuable input and leadership on topics that include disabilities, alcohol licensing, planning and zoning, and many others. Appointments shall be made by the Mayor subject to confirmation and approval by the City Council.

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

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. The application is available online but it must be printed and turned into the Clerk's office. Applications can also be requested from the City Clerk's office by calling (218) 730-5500.

Applications need to be received by Friday, February 24, 2012, 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 - 3 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 - 2 vacancies (building trade union, building 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 - 4 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

Community Development Committee - 2 vacancies (At Large), 3 year term - This committee provides advice to the Mayor and Council regarding project requests and the general needs of the city relating to the Community Development Block Grant funding.

Duluth Human Rights Commission - 3 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 - 4 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.

Parks and Recreation Commission - 1 vacancy, 3 year term, (land management) - 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 rezonings, issuance of special use permits, and community development policies.

Tree Commission - 5 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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