

**Minutes**  
**Public Hearing HUD**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**November 29, 1994**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marie W. Huff at 7:00 pm.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Marie W. Huff and Councilmember Thora L. Shaw.

Staff Present: David A. Oyler, City Manager; Kent R. Clark, Finance Director/Recorder; Richard J. Heap, Engineer/Public Works Director; Heather Frost, Deputy Recorder; Louise Nuzman, Librarian; Ann Allphin, Librarian; Sharon Lehmborg, Librarian; and Mary-Dean Erickson, Assistant Director of the Senior Citizen Center.

**CDBG Public Hearing**

Mayor Huff opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Heap explained the public hearing is held to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Small Cities Program for FY 1995-96. Mr. Heap said suggestions for potential projects would be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. He listed some of the types of projects that qualify for funding. He discussed last years application which dealt with the American's with Disabilities Act and associated accessibility requirements. Mr. Heap discussed the need for handicap access at the Library and the Senior Citizen Center.

Ms. Mary-Dean Erickson said an elevator at the the Senior Citizen Center is essential. She said many activities, such as crafts and sewing, are held in the basement of the center. Councilmember Shaw mentioned the difficulty seniors have with the stairs. Ms. Erickson said the center currently has between 500 and 550 members, most of whom would benefit from an elevator. She also said the seniors would benefit from a handicap accessible restroom.

Ms. Erickson said the membership of the Senior Citizen Center is increasing and more room is needed. She said 400 to 450 people attend the monthly meals served at the center and 100 to 135 people attend the weekly meals.

Mr. Heap asked Ms. Erickson what geographical areas the Senior Citizen Center serves. Ms. Erickson said they serve Spanish Fork, Salem, Benjamin, and several other small communities in Utah County.

Ms. Louise Nuzman said the Library also needs an elevator. She said many activities are held in the basement. Once a week the Food Coalition is held in the basement of the Library and several elderly people come to get food. The steep stairs are difficult to climb, especially in the winter months. Ms. Nuzman listed other activities held in the basement such as public meetings, library storytime, movies, and the annual library board festival. Ms. Nuzman described situations where accessibility was needed for disabled people. One example was when a man in a wheelchair came to the library to vote and it was very difficult for him to get in and out of the library because of the ramp. He said the existing ramp is too steep and he felt it was not built for handicap accessibility.

Ms. Nuzman said there have been at least two instances when disabled people were unable to use the restroom due to lack of accessibility.

Councilmember Shaw mentioned the Library and the Senior Citizen Center do not have parking for the disabled.

Mr. Heap said an architect has been selected to begin designing to meet ADA requirements for accessibility in the Library and the Senior Citizen Center. He said these projects will have to be completed soon. Mr. Heap asked if there were any questions about the Community Development Block Grant Program. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of elevators in the Library and the Senior Citizen Center.

Mayor Huff asked for any public input. No further input was received.  
Mayor Huff closed the public hearing at 7:30 pm.