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It wasn't easy though. Learn about the city plan, zoning and all the details of issues kept Kurzeja busy.

ALTHOUGH a confident Kurzeja that "about 90 percent of what the city does a high school student could do the other 10 percent takes guts, integrity and a love for the city."

Although she believes the council should brush through, for example, the regular requirements of a zoning ordinance before discussing a rezoning request, Kurzeja also believes a council member must come prepared.

Any council member who talks and stands up prepared," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I stand up and ask questions. Don't let anyone speak for yourself." Kurzeja doesn't speak publicly at city meetings, but she can always be taking notes either on the edge of night's agenda or in a notebook. The notebook is filled with past notes and old notes, budget figures, vote tallies for each issue.

When she does speak, Kurzeja, of course, is hoping council members are listening and taking heed of her words as well as those of other official watchers and residents.

"I don't know if I personally have any impact. I hope the council realizes I am honest and that I have integrity," said Kurzeja, a member of the Community Development Block Grant loan board and now defunct housing commission. "I would hope they (council members) respect their council watchers."

"I believe some of them listen. I also believe some are too arrogant to listen or don't value other people's opinions and feel they know best."

KURZEJA BELIEVES council members try to understand the public's attitudes and feelings. But she adds, "they always can't because they don't always know where people are coming from."

While Kurzeja will give credit where credit is due, she also finds fault with the council.

"Stick to the issues that are there," she said, offering advice to council.

Instead of drifting off on tangents, council should stick to the issue being discussed and stay within a time limit, Kurzeja said.

"Don't beat an old horse to death. Just get on with the business at hand."

Kurzeja also believes the council, at least last year, was wrought with too much "personally politics" and not working together to solve the city's problems.

"I believe in working for the good of the city. I hope (this year) politics will be put aside. Under Mrs. (Jan) Dolan (the mayor) I am sure it will."

But Kurzeja says she would also like to see some of the council members change their attitude and start working to improve the city not just their own political careers.

"I wish some council members would stop counting votes and do the job they wanted to do and were elected to do."

HER FEELINGS about some council members' attitudes are tied to what she also feels are the most important issues facing the city.

Although she says no one wants to

pay more taxes, city taxes are not being wanted and work should be started on some needed projects, like drainage and a new police building.

"That's where the courage comes in. These things are not frills. But that's where a lot of them (council members) look to in the next election. Some of them care about the city; others just wonder how to get elected."

"The local government - it's the only one that's person-to-person," Kurzeja said. But out of 100 people in the audience you'll be lucky to find three who know what's going on in the city."

Her "greatest joy" would be to have the entire council chamber filled, Kurzeja said, even though she acknowledges that "most of the things they do are dull and mundane."

"I believe people only react, I'm sorry to say, when it involves them. But anything the council does involves them. When something happens in one corner of the city, eventually it will get to you."

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
Community Development Block Grant Program
1985-88 Program Year

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Farmington Hills that it is entitled to approximately \$343,000 for the 1985-88 Community Development Block Grant Program year, as well as \$398 in Special Reallocated Block Grant Funds. These funds have been authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 1977, as amended. In addition, an estimated \$24,000 will be received in program income from the Housing Rehabilitation activities.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 15, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, at which time and place the Farmington Hills City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The proposed statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds for the CDBG program (1985-88) is as follows:

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (1985-88)
City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills has considered the various eligible projects which may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These activities range from construction of sidewalks, storm/sanitary sewers, water lines, and street paving to public services, code enforcement, historic preservation, etc. After careful evaluation of these projects it has been determined that the highest priority of needs for low and moderate income areas in the community, would be achieved through the following expenditure of CDBG funds:

ACTIVITY	\$ AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Administration	\$ 30,000	14%
Capital Improvements	143,000	45%
Housing Rehabilitation	150,000	31%
Housing Rehabilitation (Program Income)	\$ 24,000	100%

The 1985/88 capital improvement projects for possible consideration include:

1. Shilawasee Road Sidewalk - Grace Elementary to Middlebelt, Section 36
2. Drainage Improvements, Sunnyside Street, Section 34
3. Drain Cleanout at G11 and 8 Mile Road, Section 33
4. Drainage Improvements - Dresden, Scotien, and L141, Section 36
5. Local Road Improvements at Grand River, Section 33 and 36
6. Drainage Improvements - Cass, Kirby, Edinmont, Section 33
7. Section 35 Watermain Improvements
8. Street Resurfacing, Folsom Road between Tuck and Orchard Lake Road, Section 35

Please note that only a portion of these projects will be possible due to funding but it is felt that opportunities for public discussion on each of these should be given.

All projects proposed with the use of 1985-88 CDBG funds, as noted above, will benefit low and moderate income areas or persons defined in the 1980 Census.

All CDBG activities have been designed to avoid the displacement of persons. In the event displacement becomes necessary the City will assist displaced persons in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation Act.

1984-85 CDBG PROGRAM - THE FINAL STATEMENT OF Community Development objectives and projected use of funds for the 1985-88 CDBG Program years, included the following:

Administration	\$ 50,000	
Housing Rehabilitation	\$113,000	
Capital Improvements:		
Tarasul Drain	\$198,000	
Contingency Fund	\$35,000	
Total	\$396,000	

1983-84 Program - The statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds included the following:

Housing Rehabilitation	\$100,000	24%
Administration	\$ 40,000	10%
Capital Improvements:		
Street Paving	\$100,000	48%
Water main tap-in	\$ 30,000	7%
Collins Sidewalk	\$ 24,000	6%
Shilawasee Drain Improvements	\$ 14,000	3%
Hamilton Drain Improvements	\$ 10,000	2%
Total	\$420,000	100%

1982-83 Program - The statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds include the following:

Administration	\$ 38,000	8%
Capital Improvements		
Richland Garden Storm Drain	\$230,000	55%
11 Mile Sidewalk	\$ 24,000	6%
Housing Rehabilitation	\$118,000	30%
Total	\$410,000	100%

The above activities are under construction or have been completed with 100% of the funds benefiting low and moderate income areas or persons. No persons were displaced.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed use of Block Grant funds, and the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant program. Further information regarding the previous and proposed CDBG program may be obtained at the City of Farmington Hills Community Development Office, 31555 W. 11 Mile or by calling 474-8115, extension 247.

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