



## Aviation Issue Aired at Closed Session

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The County Aviation Authority closed its doors yesterday for a discussion of policy in the case of Alfred Dana Jr., real estate developer, who has asked rezoning of land west of the airport for the construction of apartments.

After the closed-door meeting — which lasted about 30 minutes — Sam Bucklew, the chairman, indicated the authority will seek the land by condemnation although he did not say so in that many words.

George Bean, aviation director, said the authority members decided to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting and to take a stand at that time.

Dana, in his plea to county commissioners, said plans for a \$20 million garden type apartment development of some 600 units are complete and that financing has been arranged. The commissioners hold up the rezoning, which entails a change from highway-commercial, when the authority objected because the land is located directly on the center line of the east-west runway, but across Kennedy Road from the airport.

Home owners under the flight path at the east end of the runway have already won the initial phases of a court case seeking damages from the authority because of noise.

Dana, who developed the Dana Shores subdivision west of the airport, actually has two pieces of land where the zoning change is sought. One is within the city limits and is already

zoned for apartments and the other is just across county line. The centerline of the runway runs virtually right down the city-county line, according to Bean.

The authority has already asked Lee Pallardy Jr., professional appraiser, to set a value on the land but Bean said no formal report has been received.

When Bucklew called for the closed meeting he said the discussion would involve "confidential figures."

The Dana property within the city has been appraised for tax purposes at \$3,000 an acre and that outside the city at \$2,500. There are about 40 acres in the two pieces, according to airport officials.

The authority yesterday also postponed action on a second controversial subject — the moving of the Hertz Car Rental booth to make the present Hertz space — about 10 feet square — available to Delta Air Lines which is badly in need of additional counter space.

An objection to the airport's plan for moving Hertz west in the terminal came from Avis Rent A Car Service because it would put Hertz first in line for passengers entering the terminal from the south concourse through the west entrance.

Dominic Cassero, Hertz manager, said that he agreed to the move but should still have the right to reject the proffered sight.

Nathan Hale, Avis manager, said the proposed move would put Avis at a disadvantage and force it to give up what he considers the No. 1 position and to take the No. 2 position.

Authority Member George Barron suggested that both companies be moved outside the terminal building to the parking space reserved for rental cars and asked Director Bean for an investigation.

Bean said that at the time the moving of Hertz was suggested

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