

Convention Center Public Hearing Set

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The public will have its say on the proposed Lighthouse Point convention center tomorrow.

County supervisors have set time aside after 2 p.m. to hear public comments on the city-county project.

Action to adopt a master development plan and hire architects Drefus and Blackford of

Sacramento to carry out the project was held over from last week for the public hearing.

The hearing follows complaints by Supervisor Robert Burton and some citizens that the county has never held a public hearing on the matter.

Since county funds will be used to keep the center afloat, Burton has said repeatedly such a hearing is necessary. However, until opposition to the center appeared, other supervisors and County Counsel Henry Faltz insisted no hearing is necessary.

Mexican Plane Is Hijacked

Havana (AP).—A hijacker who said he had a bomb in his suitcase rigged to explode at a moment's notice forced a Mexican airliner with 18 passengers and a crew of five to fly to Havana Monday.

A dispatch from Merida, Mexico, said the pilot of the plane had radioed that "several men" with guns had waited 10 minutes after the plane took off from there, then ordered him to fly the craft to Cuba.

Mexican Ambassador Miguel Covian, calling the hijacking "a totally unjustified act," said he expected the four piston-engine DC6 of Mexicana Airlines to return to Mexico later Monday. None of the passengers and crew was harmed.

The board gave in after Burton and Supervisor-elect Dan Forbus agreed a hearing should be held.

Another matter to come before the board is a new beach lot ordinance for beach cliff areas which allows smaller than normal lots and row housing. Supervisors also will discuss acceptance of provisional status as the local community action agency to take over operation of the Economic Opportunity Commission, a freeway recommendation in the City of Santa Cruz area, and delaying of any action on a new animal control ordinance for six months.

Supervisors meet at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the county courts building, Ocean and Water Streets.