

AUSTIN — A group of Lincoln Park residents in Central El Paso failed in their attempt to get Texas' highest civil court to block commercial development in their neighborhood.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday there was no reversible error in lower court decisions upholding a June 2, 1981, City Council action rezoning part of the Lincoln Park area for commercial use.

The decision ended a two-year battle by the Lincoln Neighborhood Improvement Association and Pedro and Martha Bustillos. They had filed the appeal in an effort

ceeding with the Bustillos home.

Boyles requested that the property be rezoned from apartment use to commercial use in March 1981 but the City Plan Commission recommended that the application be denied.

The Plan Commission later recommended that commercial and industrial development in the area be allowed to follow only existing use patterns.

On May 12, 1981, the City Council, with one alderman absent, voted 3-2 to reject the Plan Commission recommendation and approve the rezoning request.

A final vote on the matter was taken.

Rogers casting the deciding vote of the zoning change.

The Bustilloses, who live of the Boyles property, an hood association sought a junction to stop development.

They contended the court approve the zoning change of all council members on the vote invalid.

Provisions of the city charter at least four council members of projects rejected by the city.

Maj. Gen. George Powers III dies

Maj. Gen. George Thomas Powers III, a former commanding general of Fort Bliss, died at 1 a.m. today in El Paso.



Powers

Under Powers' command, the Army Training Center was established at Fort Bliss in 1965. He continued in command until October 1967 when he

became commanding general of the 15th U.S. Army Corps at the Presidio in San Francisco.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Rev. Ned R. Graves at 10 a.m. Monday in

Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Full military honors will be accorded.

Powers was in command at Fort Bliss when Biggs Air Force Base was transferred to Army control in 1966 and when the German Air Force Air Defense School was officially opened at Fort Bliss July 7, 1966.

As a brigadier general he was assistant commandant of the air defense school, before he became special assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Arms Control at the Pentagon.

He was born in Woodbury, Ga., in 1910, and entered the U.S. Army as an enlisted man in 1928. The following year he was admitted to the U.S. Military Academy, and his first as-

ignment after graduation in 1933 was with the old 82nd Horse Artillery at Fort Bliss. He served there until 1936.

Powers retired in 1968, to make his home in El Paso.

Funeral services will be announced by Harding, Orr and McDaniel Funeral Home.

Powers is survived by his wife, Helen W. Powers, El Paso; children Helen (Penny) Powers Torretto, San Antonio; George T. Powers IV, Dr. James W. Powers, both of Dallas; Pauline Powers Green, Arlington, Texas; John B. Powers, Tucson; Brooks W. Powers, Sparta, N.J.; Mary Powers McKenzie, Fort Sill, Okla., and Susan Powers McLane, El Paso; sister, Eunice Powers Covington, Atlanta, Ga., and 20 grandchildren.

Testimony ends in alien case

A federal jury began deliberations today in the trial of Dennis Casey Gibbs, general manager and pilot for an El Paso charter service who is charged with transporting illegal aliens to Roswell, N.M.

Gibbs, of Air Transport Inc., is accused of knowingly flying 16 illegal aliens from El Paso to Roswell in May and June of this

year. Gibbs maintains that he had no way of knowing that the persons flown to Roswell were in the United States illegally.

Defense lawyer Raymond Caballero told the jury that a company could be subject to a discrimination suit if it asked a person to document his citizenship while buying a ticket. "A

common carrier, be it Continental Airlines or Air Transport, is under no obligation to ask for documentation," he said.

During the final day of testimony, a Border Patrol agent testified more than 400 illegal aliens were arrested in May at the El Paso International Airport as they were about to board planes.

Council to pick EMS billing agency

Emergency Medical Services will ask the City Council Tuesday to choose a billing agency and a collection agency for its operations, EMS Deputy Chief Malcolm Swinney said.

Swinney said at an EMS meeting Wednesday that its current contract with Management Analysis Inc., expires at the end of the month. That com-

pany turned in the second lowest low bid to collect bills, he said.

Altogether, nine companies have turned in bids to provide the services, Swinney said, with El Paso Computer Center offering the lowest bid for the billing.

The company chosen to provide billing services will also

do some collecting Swinney said. The company will send out the first bill and, if there is no answer, send a second bill 30 days later. If the bill hasn't been paid 30 days after the second bill is sent, the bill will be sent to the collection agency.

Swinney said MAI's low bid to provide collection services asks for 24 percent of the total received.

Chase with a

A "pretty young immigrant" foiled a robbery of the Norte Branch chased down a snatcher.

Nathan Way 37, of Fort Bliss in an alley near Paso Street, was gration and Service inves quickly.

Anderson was charged with jailed under a

According to a German coup the bridge at Wednesday.

A man grabbed the wheel and fled toward police said.

The woman's three other witnesses the assailant. That's when IN Raul Gutierrez screams.

Gutierrez, who pretty old, and caught the

City will c vehicles S

The City of El Paso more than 100 and motorcycle: the city corrals, Drive.

The auction a.m.

Besides surplus donated cars, the tion six dump trucks, se trucks and a half cycles.

Buyers are b that any checks re insufficient fun turned over to the lice Department

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