

PROTESTS HALT SPOT-ZONING OF VERMONT AVENUE SITE

Strong protests against the spot-zoning sought by the Lanckershim Estate to permit the erection of a drive-in market on the east side of North Vermont avenue between Franklin avenue and Welch Place marked a hearing on the application before the City Planning Commission yesterday.

With Commissioner Mendenhall absent because of illness, left four board members, who reached no agreement at an executive session. President Kennedy announced a decision will be reached next Tuesday.

The applicant, represented by Frank Partridge, proposed to allay the protests against any zoning of Vermont north of Franklin for business by donating a forty-foot park the full depth of a lot north of the proposed spot zoning as a permanent barrier.

The protestants, representing the Los Feliz Improvement Association, the Los Feliz Women's Club, the Parent-Teacher

Association, the Augustine Fathers' Church at Ambrose and Vermont avenues, and numerous apartment and property owners, declared for keeping Franklin avenue the barrier, as in the past.

The speakers said the continual requests for business zoning in the area between Franklin avenue and Los Feliz Boulevards has caused an uncertainty which has held up the development of the district with more fine apartments. It was declared the site sought for the market would be a much better investment for a large apartment.

President Kennedy's suggestion that the protestants select a committee of five to meet Friday morning in the office of Director-Manager Thorpe with the applicant and see whether some agreement might be reached, was accepted. Bryant Essick, James Turnbull, Mrs. May Strauss, Theodore Off and DeWitt Syrode were selected to represent the protestants.