

Group To Fight Re-Zoning Move

Board Would Allow Businesses On Parts Of Wentworth Street

A group of residents and property owners met yesterday afternoon to plan a protest of the proposed re-zoning of parts of Wentworth Street from B Residential to Commercial area.

They will protest at the April 12 meeting of City Council a report favoring the change by the Board of Architectural Review. Louis M. Shimel presided at yesterday's meeting in a private residence.

The board took its action Friday, recommending to Council that it change the zoning ordinance to make the north side of Wentworth Street between Coming Street and Rutledge Avenue and the south side between Coming and Smith Streets a commercial area.

At the hearing Friday, Ernest F. Hollings, representing the owners of 150 Wentworth St., said the change is sought to enable use of that property as a funeral home.

Mr. Shimel appeared in opposition as representing property owners in the neighborhood.

Attending the meeting yesterday afternoon were Mr. Shimel, Miss Erna Momeier, Mrs. L. Frank Thompson, William S. Anderson, Miss Mabel Pollitzer, Mrs. John G. Wilson, Miss St. Clair Macmillan and Dr. George D. Grice.

Several years ago a funeral home was established in the residence at 150 Wentworth St., at the northwest corner of Smith Street. Residents of the neighborhood protested the use and the matter went to the South Carolina Supreme Court, which held such use was violative of the zoning ordinance.

The present action, by changing the designation of the area, would legalize such use of the property.

The house was at one time the home of Christopher G. Memminger, treasurer of the Confederate States of America.

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