New Names Of Streets Asked In Racial Plea

Change of the names of three street stretches because Negroes have moved near the Whitefoord avenue-Candler Park area of Atlanta was recommended Wednesday by the joint Atlanta-Fulton county planning board.

Sam R. Young, chairman, presided at the session at which 26 petitions for rezoning also were considered. Of the petitions, 18 were approved, seven adversely and one was held for further study.

A large delegation of citizens, headed by J. H. Kennerly of 490 Whitefoord Ave.; NE, appeared to urge the change in the names of stretches of Whitefoord avenue, Whitefoord terrace and Mayson avenue, NE.

There was no opposition. Kennerly and others urged the changes to separate the areas south and north of the Georgia railroad along DeKalb avenue. Negroes predominate in the segment south of the railway, but Kennerly and others said they want to keep areas north of the railroad for white occupancy.

If recommendations are approved Whitefoord terrace from Whitefoord avenue to Mayson avenue will be changed to Benning place. NE, by the simple extension of Benning place.

Mayson avenue, NE, from DeKalb avenue to the north line of land lots 239 and 240 of the district will be changed to Candler Park drive. NE.

Whitefoord avenue, NE, from DeKalb avenue north of Fairview road will be changed to Oakdale road.

The joint board adversely petitions affecting sites on Jonesboro road near Harper road; two petitions on Marietta boulevard near Chattahoochee avenue; Perry boulevard near Clarissa drive; Peachtree road near Narmore drive; Gordon road near Bolton road, and Parkway drive near Wabash avenue. Held was a petition for industrial use of a tract on Gordon road near Bakers Ferry road.

All other petitions were approved.