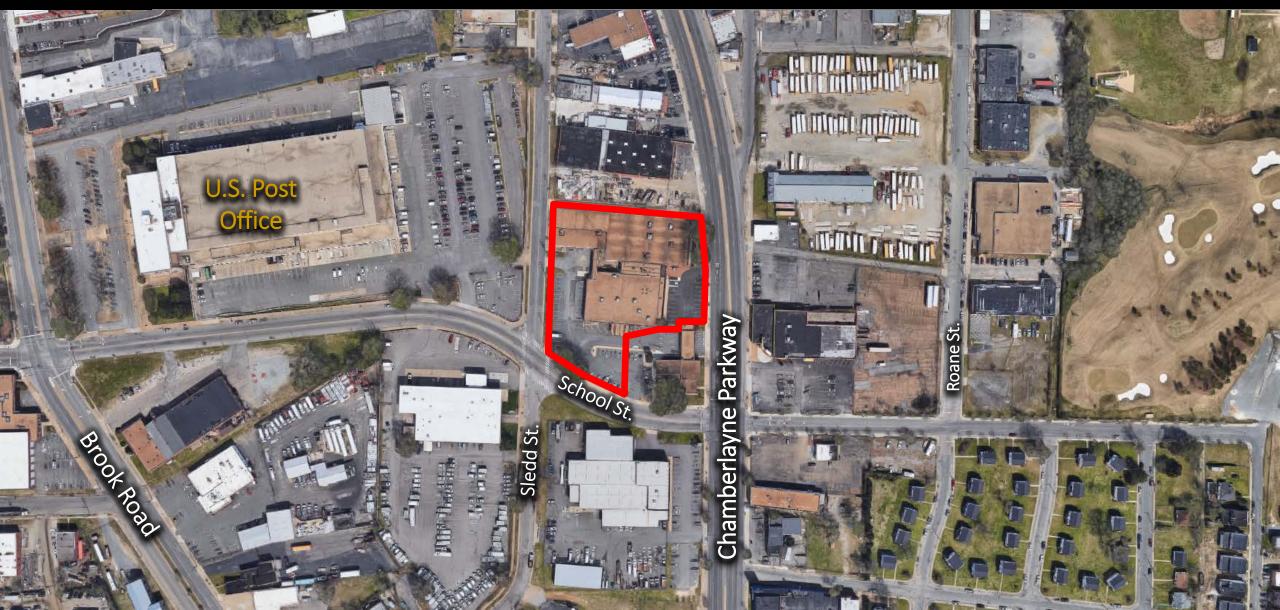


1900 Chamberlayne Parkway – Special Use Permit





Purpose and Summary

-100,624 SF (2.3 acres) of land
-Improved with a 45,000 SF building used as a church
-Chamberlayne Industrial Center neighborhood
-North planning district
-Intersections of Chamberlayne Parkway, School Street, and Sledd Street

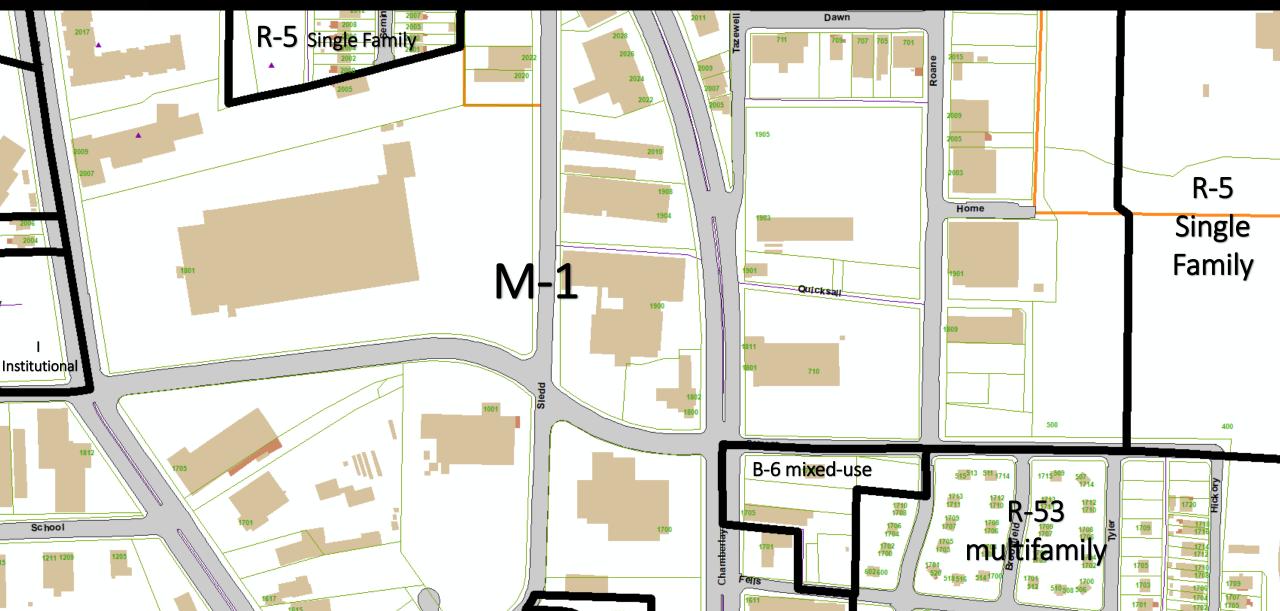
The applicant has proposed to adapt an existing institutional building to use as The Salvation Army Central Virginia Area Command's regional headquarters for social services and administration, which would include office, group home (97bed max capacity), and social service delivery uses.

The facility may also contain a 30-bed emergency cold weather overflow shelter, which would be administered by the City of Richmond, should the City go forward with the shelter use at the subject property. Proposed capacity of the shelter use has been reduced from 100 to 30 beds.





Current Zoning: M-1 Light Industrial District





Master Plan Land Use: Community Commercial

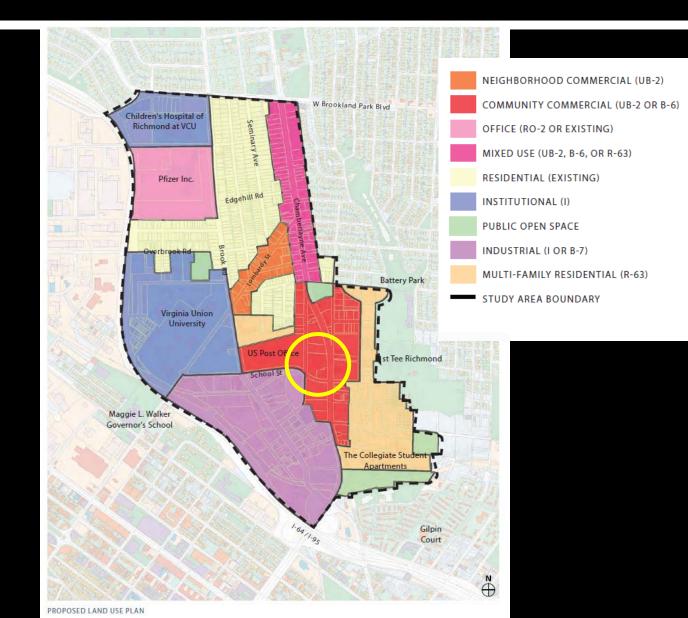




VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan

The Community Commercial designation originates from the City's VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan: Primary uses within Community Commercial include office, retail, personal service and other commercial and service uses, intended to provide the shopping and service needs of residents of a number of nearby neighborhoods or a section of the City. As compared to Neighborhood Commercial, this category includes a broader range of uses of greater scale and intensity, with greater vehicular access and orientation, but that are also compatible with nearby residential areas.

The VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan recommends industrial land use to the southwest of the property, stating the existing industrial area will be retained, but in the future may become a mixed use business district that incorporates compatible industrial land uses as well as commercial, residential, and service uses.





Surrounding Area

Surrounding properties are located in the same M-1 Light Industrial District as the subject property. M-2 Mixed Use Heavy Industrial, B-6 Mixed Use, and R-5 Single Family Districts are also located in the area. A mix of commercial, office, institutional, industrial, and vacant land uses are present in the vicinity.



Sledd St – Looking North



Chamberlayne Pkwy – Looking North



Special Use Permit Conditions

If approved, conditions would be imposed on the property by the special use permit, including:

3(a) The Special Use of the Property shall be as office, group home, shelter, and social service delivery uses, substantially as shown on the Plans, the applicant's report, and the management plan, copies of which report and management plan are attached to and made a part of this ordinance. The maximum capacity of the group home and shelter uses shall be as described in the applicant's report and management plan, copies of which are attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

(b) No more than 73 on-site parking spaces shall be provided on the Property for the Special Use, substantially as shown on the Plans.

(c) Signs for the Special Use shall meet the requirements of section 30-511 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, concerning signs permitted in the I Institutional District and the requirements of section 30-505 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, concerning signs permitted in all districts. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Property, a final sign plan showing the location, dimensions, and means of illumination of the signs for the Special Use shall be submitted to and approved by the Director of Planning and Development Review.



Conditions continued...

(d) Bicycle parking for no fewer than ten bicycles shall be provided on the Property.

(e) All mechanical equipment serving the Property shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way.

(f) Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Property, a final landscaping plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Director of Planning and Development Review.

4(c) Facilities for the collection of refuse shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works. Such facilities shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from adjacent properties and public streets.



Staff Findings

Staff finds that the existing institutional building proposed to house the special use is generally suited to support the proposed use and is accessible to local transit service. The facility will include office use, which is supported by the VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan. Moreover, the property is not directly adjacent to existing residential neighborhoods and is located in an area designated by the VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan for future mixed-use land use, including higher intensity commercial uses. The property is adjacent to an area slated for industrial use and possible mixed-use in the future.

Staff finds that the development will provide enhanced screening to the existing parking lot which will assist in buffering passing pedestrians and vehicles parked on the site.

Staff finds that the applicant has reduced the proposed capacity of the emergency cold weather overflow shelter within the facility with the goal of minimizing its overall effect on the surrounding community.

Staff finds that the proposed use of the property will provide much needed services to vulnerable populations of the City.

Staff finds that with the ordinance conditions the safeguards contained within the City Charter, relative to the granting of Special Use Permits, are met. Specifically, staff finds that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the community involved and would not create congestion in the streets in the area involved.

Therefore, staff recommends approval of the special use permit request.



Neighborhood Participation

Staff has received letters of opposition to this application from the Chamberlayne Industrial Center Association, Councilperson Hilbert, and area property owners, and letters of support from Virginia Union University and various organizations and property owners.



Proposed Site Plan





Rendering of proposed improvements







Proposed Floorplan

