

Memo

To: Planning Commission
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: March 3, 2017
Re: Conditional Use Request – 945 Reynolds Road

Capital Area Michigan Works provides valuable employment services throughout the tri-county region. For many years, Charlotte residents have enjoyed the benefits of having a Michigan Works office here in the City, located at the former Southridge Elementary School.

During that time, the Michigan Works activities were run by Eaton RESA, which last year chose not to continue the contract.

Peckham, Inc., at 945 Reynolds Road, proposed to continue the services at its location, rather than lose them from the community. The City of Charlotte believes that these are important services to have locally, and would like to see Peckham continue providing them.

However, these services are not expressly allowed under Peckham's current I-2 zoning classification, but could be allowed as a conditional use.

Section 82-358(5) says that "uses of a similar character to the uses listed in this section" should qualify for a conditional use permit, and while the services that Michigan Works provides would not qualify as a 'trade or industrial school,' the use is of a similar character and we believe should be permitted.

I would recommend that you approve this conditional use request by Peckham to provide Capital Area Michigan Works services at 945 Reynolds Road.