

# **Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group**

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

Meeting Location: Development Services Building, Room 107

- 1. Team check-in**
  - a. No updates**
  
- 2. JLARC (Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission) update – Wade**
  - a. JLARC works with the General Assembly during their session in Richmond to conduct research for potential bills. They have been tasked to look at the impacts of data centers, so they reached out to Wade to ask about the DCOAG. Wade shared the link to the DCOAG webpage and informed them we are beginning to work with consultants for the Noise Ordinance and DCSM/Zoning Ordinance**
  - b. They are interested in doing a monthly check-in with the DCOAG and, at a future time, they may be interested in coming to meet with us.**
  - c. Any information that they provide to Wade will be shared with the group**
  
- 3. Noise Ordinance Kickoff Discussion with JMT**
  - a. Wade is going before the BOCS on Tuesday, February 20 to request funding for the noise consultant. If the funding is approved, JMT should have the purchase order by Thursday or Friday of that week.**
  - b. The official kickoff meeting with JMT is scheduled for March 13**
  - c. Introduction of JMT Team Members: Ed Davidson, Angie Hernandez, and Jennifer Cinelli-Miller**
  - d. JMT did some brief research when developing the SOW and looked at some best practices that other municipalities have already considered and what is working for them. Some areas they have looked at include Loudoun County, VA; Chandler, Arizona; Goodyear, Arizona; New Albany, Ohio.**
    - i. Trying to find jurisdictions that are at different points in their journeys to see their growth**
  - e. Question from the group: Do you intend to look for any international issues as well?**
    - i. They have found a couple of international studies from the UK and will see what information they can provide.**
  - f. The group suggested that JMT look at data center locations holistically, as this may help determine why some data centers may produce more noise than others.**
  - g. Planning on reaching out to other organizations/agencies to canvas where they can get additional information from**
  - h. JMT is willing to come down for a tour to get to know the area/community better.**

- i. **The County attorney will be brought into the conversation early on to provide feedback as we move through the process with the consultant.**
  - j. **Any materials, maps, data, studies, etc. should be sent to Wade/Amanda and they will route it to JMT. County staff will also work on setting up a link for file sharing**
  - k. **Dale will add Amanda and JMT team members to the email distribution list to receive information from the Amazon meetings.**
  - l. **JMT discussed sending out a survey to the DCOAG to see what our concerns, challenges, and hopes are.**
- 4. DCSM/Zoning Ordinance Consultant update – Wade**
- a. **Timeline attached with the notes**
  - b. **The County is in the process of signing 6 new consultant contracts. These consultants could potentially be used for our DSCM/Zoning Ordinance consultant.**
  - c. **The goal is to determine which of the 6 consultants are interested in the SOW by March 1.**
  - d. **Amanda will resend the finalized DCSM/Zoning Ordinance SOW to the group for review.**
- 5. Updated Meeting schedule**
- a. **February 28 – Develop questions for potential consultants to address as part of our meeting with A/E consultants already under County contract. We will also use a portion of the meeting to allow Dale time to share the efforts of his community to work towards addressing the data center noise issues at Great Oak.**
    - i. **The group agreed to move the noise ordinance enforcement discussion to a later date, once we are further into our work with JMT.**
  - b. **March 13 – JMT to conduct their official Kickoff meeting with the group.**
  - c. **March 20 – Meet with potential consultants who will work on developing recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance and DCSM. The group agreed to extend our meeting time from 11:00am – 2:00pm. This will allow us to “interview” up to four candidates (45 minutes each).**
  - d. **March 27 – The group agreed to cancel this meeting since it falls during the week of spring break for the students.**
  - e. **April 10 – JMT to conduct a project follow up. Possibly meet with JLARC representatives to get an update on their project and to allow them to hear the update we receive from JMT.**
- 6. Meeting adjourned**