

Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Meeting Location: Development Services Building, Room 107

- 1. Team interactions – Wade**
 - a. Meeting decorum should be professional when interacting with each other and the consultants**

- 2. Team check-in**
 - a. Kathy – The residents’ experience thus far is that some assumptions have been made and bureaucratic process along the way has been slow. So, she felt a comment needed to be made to address that early on.**

- 3. Discuss the status of the draft Noise Ordinance**
 - i. Presentation from the resident members of the group. This will be sent out to the group.**
 - ii. Discussion about how the SOW was created**
 - iii. Discussion about using dBC instead of dBA**
 - iv. Discussion about enforcement**
 - v. Maximum allowable sound levels need to come down**
 - 1. Need to verify if the Noise Ordinance in Warrenton is in litigation**
 - vi. Discussion about Moseley presentation**
 - 1. Discussion about peer communities and how they were determined**
 - 2. Some of the Zoning classifications may need to be changed.**
 - vii. The group agreed we should move forward with more changes to the current Noise Ordinance in the interim, until the state laws can be changed.**

- 4. Project timeline – Wade**
 - a. Status related to hiring of 3rd party acoustical engineer**
 - i. Nelson Acoustics will be brought on board to be a 3rd party advisor/expert in relation to the Noise Ordinance**
 - 1. A link for the company will be sent to the group**
 - 2. Nelson should be able to begin work on September 3.**

b. Community Meeting Discussion

- i. The group agreed that we are not ready to host a community meeting at this time.**
- ii. Do we need the community meeting?**
 - 1. The BOCS Work Session and/or the Public Hearing at the BOCS Meeting could serve as an opportunity for the public to hear it and make comments, in place of the community meeting.**
- iii. There is concern about the draft appearing to be a finalized draft and that it does not fully solve the problem. The parameters/restrictions on the state laws should be explained to the community when the draft is presented to them.**
 - 1. JLARC will be presenting to the state legislature as well with their findings and recommendations for changes to the state laws.**
 - 2. If we have a community meeting, the interim solution needs to be presented and discussed, as well as what the plan is for a long term solution if/when the state laws change.**

c. Overall project timeline related to the Noise Ordinance

- i. Sunset clause expires at the end of February, so we either need to plan on asking for an extension to the sunset clause or have a draft Noise Ordinance ready to present for potential Board adoption.**
- ii. It is possible there will be a 4-6 week delay in the project timeline**

5. Future meeting schedule

- a. Cancel the August 28 meeting, as JMT will not be ready to present**
- b. Next scheduled meeting is September 11 meeting – JMT will be ready to present, and Nelson Acoustics will be there as well.**

6. Meeting Adjourned