

Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group
DSB 107 A/B
Feb 05, 2025

Team check-in

- Ray K – Expressed a concern with the approach DCOAG is taking on this project. He feels the effort is not going to solve the problem due to the fact we need State Legislative changes to have any teeth on our enforcement efforts. We aren't going to be able to hold data centers accountable.
- Wade H- Stated he thought the group was making great headway. He said that we need the Noise Ordinance to be modified and adopted as a first step. This will allow the County to work with applicants during the entitlement process and potentially obtain proffer conditions, such as noise testing and noise modeling. He agreed with Ray's comments about the need for legislative changes to really make a difference.
- Bill W: The problem is the projects that have already been approved, agree that there is value in doing this Noise Ordinance.
 - Re-irritated that residents do not trust the County based on past data center approvals and actions over the last 5 years.
- Kathy K- Seconds Ray's comments. We need legislative changes to help with holding data centers accountable. Constant violation fees (at \$250) are not harmful to large data centers. We need to get the new Noise Ordinance adopted, so that Amazon will stop stating they are compliant with the current Noise Ordinance and work to address the conditions the created in the Great Oak community. .
- Dale B- He stated a high frequency noise, unlike what has been heard in the past, was identified on Monday (early AM) on the other side of the community – Far from the Amazon building noticed high-frequency whishing sounds. Unsure if it is from Cloud HQ or the airport close to the community, there has been instances that they have been doing some testing there. Will direct the resident to contact the City of Manassas and the Police so it will be recorded.
- Wade H - Thanked the DCOAG members and residents that were able to join the team during the noise testing Jan 30,2025.
 - David Nelson will have the data ready by the next DCOAG Meeting.

Siting Discussion

- The Planning Office, under the Director's leadership, is currently managing the siting of the Data Centers, which includes a review of the Data Center Overlay District.

- DCOAG members feel they should have input due to the fact that siting is the most important step to addressing the impacts of data center development.
- If the BOCS choices, they can move the siting project to the DCOAG.
- DCOAG members argue that they would like to have input in any decision-making regarding siting. The focus here is the Data Centers, having input from this group and residents would be beneficial to setting the guidelines for planning. Recommended Moseley to do the siting instead of hiring another consultant. Moseley Team is already working closely with the County on the DCOAG.
- The input of DCOAG is important for planning to get a perspective of the effects this type of industry has on the county.
- Kevin C- Shared some information from the APA (American Planning Assoc.) that discussed the importance of addressing incompatible uses.
 - The county does have responsibility for the location where the data centers are located. Siting should be part of this group.
- Heritage Hunt Kevin- Elderly Community that would benefit from having a siting regulation, there are farms and vacant land that surround the community and could end up being developed for data centers.
- Wade will touch base with Tanya Washington- Planning Director to discuss a plan to provide the DCOAG with opportunities to provide input into the siting project (i.e. meet with Planning staff, meet with the consultant performing the work, etc.).
- Wade spent a minute to clarify the work being performed by Camoin to develop a data center report and help the County standardize the way data is entered into the EnerGov permitting system.
- DCOAG reviews Noise ordinance slides and provided feedback
- Discussed canceling the Community Workshop scheduled for Feb 20, DCOAG agreed. The workshop will be cancelled.

Team Check-out

Next meeting:

JMT- Feb 12

Moseley – Feb 26