

Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group
DSB 107 and Teams
February 26, 2025

Check-in

- Welcomed Captain Castilla to the DCOAG
- Bill Wright: Would like to discuss the siting process that continues to be a concern. He also mentioned the DCOAG would like to see the final presentation before it's sent to the board.
- Dale B: Welcomed Captain Castilla
 - 3 consecutive Mondays Noise levels measured at 3:30 am measured over 70 dBC and dBA over 50. The noise lasted over 30 minutes coming from Tanner Way. Dale confirmed the noise did not come from the airport. It may be from Project Gold; however, he doesn't think they are operational.
 - Continues to have no response from Amazon.

Project Timeline

- Wade reviewed the routing process and the review procedures from agencies for packets submitted to the Clerk to the Board in preparation for a Board of County Supervisors meeting.
- Discussed concerns the DCOAG has with recommendations being made by the consultants that the advisory group does not agree with. Discussed the importance of resident input to be incorporated during the March 18th Board meeting.
- Wade clarified the DCOAG will have the opportunity to incorporate resident input in a separate handout to the board. This will allow the Supervisors to view the staff recommendations as well as the DCOAG input.
- Discussed the fact that the March 18 presentation will focus on the Noise Ordinance and not Zoning/DCSM matters (those items will be referred to the Mosley team).
- DCOAG members discussed the importance of emphasizing to the Board the "HOW MUCH" (this would be the decibel levels) and the "WHAT"- (this would be the noise measurements) This is important to discuss where the disagreement comes from.
- Wade discussed the consequences of lowering the noise levels for the new noise scale. Wade gave an example of the standard for Impulse noise and the impact this can have on housing construction within a residential subdivision
- Discussed the impulsive noise and ambient noise.
- Dale B- Great Oak community discussed the disagreement with the recommended levels, residents have been living with this issue for years and are suffering.
- The DCOAG agreed the draft Noise Ordinance will need more time to be finalized and agrees pushing this out will allow for additional testing that will include continuous noise monitoring.
- Wade will coordinate with Dale from Great Oak Community to pick a site for continuous monitoring.

- Discussed the issue of aggregate noise from all Data centers and the concept of a noise level budgeting system. The noise ordinance is not clear on this issue, suggested to have this clarified in the noise ordinance.
- Dale B - requested Great Oak Community be used as an example for a budgeting system as the community is surrounded by Data centers.

Budget Discussion

- Discussed additional funding needed to cover the additional noise monitoring. BOCS will need to approve any requests for additional funding.
- Discussed the opportunity for DCOAG to provide input with the consultant working with the Planning Office.
- Wade Clarified why Mosely meeting with JMT to discuss the setbacks and how noise levels would be incorporated. DCOAG would like to be present during this meeting and agree not to comment or provide input during the meeting.

Check out

- Discussed the addition of a new DCOAG member Martin Jeter. Wade commented that adding team members late in the process changes the team dynamics. Wade has known Mr. Jeter for over 20 years, so the decision not to add him is strictly based on keeping the team at a manageable size and with the existing team dynamics. DCOAG argue having representation from Mid County would be very beneficial.

Meeting adjourned