## Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group Meeting Notes

## Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Meeting Location: Development Services Building, Room 107

- 1. Team check in
  - a. Dale Great Oak update: We are 5 weeks in and still hovering around 50 decibels, which is a 10 decibel reduction from one year ago. Amazon collected data for their second sound study last week and they are waiting on the report.
  - b. Kathy At the BOCS Meeting, the HOA Roundtable/Loudon Coalition announced that they issued their own recommended standards. Kathy will send a copy of that document to Amanda, which will be distributed to the group for informational purposes.
- 2. Review finalized version of the Noise Ordinance SOW subgroup report
  - a. Dale/Christina led the discussion
  - b. The group agreed on the updated definition of "best practices".
  - c. Discussion about defining "incompatible uses"
    - i. Josh asked if this it too subjective
    - ii. The group agreed to take out "incompatible uses"
  - d. Discussion about adding an OCI (Organization Conflict of interest Clause)
    - i. Keishla stated that this is already in the terms and conditions the County has with the firms.
    - ii. The group discussed and agreed to add in a conflict-of-interest form, asking the consultants to state their affiliations with any data centers.
  - e. Discussion about the sound model and sound study. Should it be holistic or individual?
    - i. For this task order, the focus is on the nose ordinance. As a subtask, we want them to look at the DCSM and Zoning ordinances, but we would want them to come back with a modeling report template. In our discussions with the consultant, we will need to inform them of the potential NDAs/other data that may not be available to them.
  - f. Discussion about whether the consultant will meet with individual BOCS members, if they have questions.
    - i. Keishla stated that the consultant can meet with BOCS members, but they would likely just charge us for that time.
    - ii. The intent is for questions to be answered in the BOCS Work Session, but if one of the BOCS members requests a meeting for more information, then we will offer a meeting to all of them.

- g. Discussion about the sunset clause
  - i. Since the sunset clause ends on January 24, we will need to request an extension.
  - ii. This is built into the Noise SOW for the consultant to propose
- h. Discuss brainstorm document
  - i. The group agreed to change the title of the brainstorm document to "Potential Impacts Suggested by Members of the DCOAG"
- 3. Next steps for establishing a contract/task order
  - a. Keishla led the discussion
  - b. Now that we have the SOW, Keishla will reach out to the consultants on file to gauge their interest in the task order. We will ask those who are interested to meet with the DCOAG, so we can determine their expertise and clarify the scope.
  - c. What is the turnaround time for response?
    - i. Since they are not providing a price proposal yet, we could possibly get a response by next week and ask them to come meet with the DCOAG at our next meeting on October 11. Depending on how many are interested, we could schedule 30-minute time slots to meet with each of them.
  - d. Discussion about having a subgroup meet with the consultants
    - i. The group agreed to have subgroups meet with the consultants, if needed
- 4. Landscaping/Buffers/Berms Interim Standards Discussion
  - a. We did not get this agenda item, so it will be added to the agenda for either the October 11 or October 25 meeting (the date will depend on when we are able to meet with the consultants).
  - b. Amanda will send Ben's documents to the group. Please send all questions to Ben by Friday, October 6.
- 5. Meeting adjourned