

Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Meeting Location: Development Services Building, Room 107

1. Team check-in
2. JMT Update
 - a. BOCS approved the funding for JMT's task order. The purchase order is in the process of being signed and the goal is to have it completed by Friday, March 1. JMT is prepared to meet with us on March 13 for the official kickoff meeting.
3. Develop questions for potential DCSM/Zoning Ordinance Consultants
 - a. Keishla has reached out to the 6 consultants under the County's A&E contract to see who is interested in the DCSM/Zoning Ordinance SOW. The goal is to have answers by Friday, March 1.
 - b. If none of the potential consultants are interested in the SOW and we have to go out to bid, we will use the same questions for those consultants.
 - c. Amanda will send the list of questions to the group with the meeting minutes. Any feedback/additional questions should be sent to the group by next week.
4. Presentation on Data Center Noise Issues – Dale
 - a. Presentation will be sent to the group
 - b. Comments from Donna:
 - i. Dale's data is a prime example of what the working group must consider when setting up an ordinance to protect the residents of this county.
 - ii. Referenced Chandler Arizona's new data ordinance now in effect - here is a link to their article posted on January 11, 2023 (been in play for over a year) - <https://www.chandleraz.gov/news-center/chandlers-data-center-ordinance-now-effect>
 - iii. As cited in the article, they have established a section of the zoning code (Chapter 35, section 2214) specifically to address data centers. - https://library.municode.com/az/chandler/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTVIPL_CH35LAUSZO_ARTXXIADHEARRE_35-2214DACE
 - iv. Would like to see this Working Group incorporate and recommend for immediate implementation to the interim standards to stop what has occurred in Great Oaks and potentially other neighborhood.
 - v. Would like an enhancement to the ordinance that mandates each data center campus have a perimeter noise monitoring system (also must be calibrated annually with a certificate of compliance submitted) in place

where the information is publicly available. Based on the monitoring, this would allow the county to cite the campus for noise violations and impose fines. Having this type of monitoring will eliminate the calls and demands on our Police force.

- vi. As a subcomponent, the noise violation fines should be amended per occurrence at a greater amount than the current penalties, which are similar fines that are imposed on residents for a barking dog.

5. Discuss JLARC Meeting with the DCOAG

- a. After group discussion, it was decided that Wade will be the conduit for information exchanged between DCOAG and JLARC and we will not meet with them at this time. DCOAG members should send any questions for JLARC to the entire group for review before Wade sends them to JLARC.

6. Meeting adjourned