

Data Center Ordinance Advisory Group Meeting Notes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Meeting Location: Development Services Building, Room 202

- 1. Team check-in**
 - a. No updates**

- 2. Finalize decision for noise consultant and discuss next steps (timeline for price quote and task order award)**
 - a. We did not receive any follow up questions from the group**
 - b. Would it be an option to use both consultants? One for the noise and one for the DCSM/Zoning Ordinance?**
 - i. No, because both consultants were hired under an RFP specifically for Transportation Planning/Land Use, not Planning. We were able to use them for the Noise Ordinance because the noise section in the RFP was very broad.**
 - c. The group selected JMT as the consultant for the Noise Ordinance SOW**
 - d. Next steps will be to negotiate a task order with the consultant and requesting their proposal with a cost estimate**

- 3. Discussion on Interim Buffer Standards**
 - a. Residential developers wanted more discussion about adding an additional 50 feet on their side. However, there was concern that if we add an additional 100 feet on the Data Center side, this will set a precedent. There needs to be more conversation about it and we need to provide more options.**
 - b. We will need to develop an RFP to address the review, analysis and recommended changes to our DCSM and Zoning Ordinance. Based on the time needed to develop a scope of work, hire a consultant, conduct research, develop proposed standards and work the standards through the approval process will take about 15 months or more.**
 - c. When there is a change to an ordinance, we typically take it to industry with data to backup why we are making this change. In this case, we didn't have the data/information to provide to them.**
 - i. One concern is that if we do anything one sided either way, there will be situations down the road where one side always has to do more than the other.**
 - ii. From a staff perspective, this is a solvable problem and staff can work with both sides.**
 - iii. It is important that we explore avenues to accelerate timelines where we can.**

- iv. We will keep moving forward with the interim standards. We will go through the normal process, but on a fast track, since we are only doing a small portion of the DCSM and not the full section 800.
- 4. Review timeline for consultant work with DCSM/Zoning Ordinance
 - a. Amanda will send the potential timeline to the group
 - b. We will work on this in conjunction with the Noise consultant and SOW
 - c. A subgroup will be created for this process and will meet in between our meetings.
 - i. Subgroup members: Keishla Perez, Mike Kitchen, Alex Stanley, Ben Eib, Kathy Kulick, Ray Kowalski, Mandi Spina, Jonelle Cameron, (possibly Donna Gallant). Alex Stanley will lead the group.
- 5. Discussion about upcoming DCOAG meeting dates
 - a. We will keep our December 6 meeting and keep December 20 as tentative, for now. We will revisit this discussion at our December 6 meeting.
- 6. Meeting adjourned