

# 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 is 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 noise 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.

