



Jonestown
Night Sky Advocacy
Meeting Notes
January 31, 2024

Call to Order: 5:02pm

Attending: Mark Grossman, Meshell Counterman, Patti Johnson, David Morley, Anne Morley, Lecia Ellis

Meeting to prepare for Chamber Luncheon: Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 11:30am-1pm

For Entry Table at luncheon, we need to bring:

Table Cover	Lecia
Posters	?
Aisles	Anne
Trifold brochures	Anne
IDA postcards	Lecia or Mark
Stickers	Mark
Basket for raffle	Meshell
Fishbowl for raffle	Does Bar K have one we can use?

David Morley to be the speaker:

5 minutes

Speaking topics:

- The meaning of being certified.
- How we got there...the journey
- How to keep Jonestown certified?
- Outreach to help other communities. Available to help Lago Vista.
- Lights out for Audubon.
- Immediate simple benefits.

Meeting with City of Jonestown, January 25, 2024.

David Morley, Ann Marie DaPrato, and Mark Grossman met with Jonestown City Manager Steve Jones and Mayor Paul Johnson.

We discussed the outcome of this meeting. See David Morley's notes below for the detail of that meeting.

JNSA team -

The following are my quick notes from a meeting on Thursday, 01-25-24 with Paul Johnson (Mayor), Steve Jones (City Manager), and Ann DaPrato (City Parks & Rec. Coord.) of the City of Jonestown (COJ) and Mark Grossman and David Morley of Jonestown Night Sky Advocacy (JNSA).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new role JNSA will have now that the COJ has obtained its Dark Sky Community designation/certification from Dark Sky International. With this designation/certification, COJ must meet the annual requirements established by Dark Sky International to maintain its designation/certification.

The following are key topics discussed in the meeting as they relate to the above-stated purpose:

1. Mayor Johnson desires to create a new internal COJ Standing Committee to manage the implementation of the perpetual program necessary for COJ to maintain its designation/certification. Since this is a perpetual program, there are benefits to COJ and the newly created Standing Committee, such as access to COJ resources, insurance coverage under the COJ insurance umbrella, and official authority to enforce COJ's lighting ordinance.
2. The JNSA will continue to operate short-term under its existing agreement with COJ until the new Standing Committee is formed and commissioned by COJ.
3. The JNSA also will continue to operate long-term as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which will mainly handle programs outside of the COJ Standing Committee, such as a JNSA membership program, "Be a Star" program, and other revenue generating programs.
4. COJ prefers and recommends that the COJ Standing Committee adhere to and operate under the Open Meetings Act (OMA) as the rules apply to governmental organizations. COJ and JNSA reviewed some of the major requirements of the OMA. The new Standing Committee members must learn the COJ protocol, procedures, and requirements for operating under the OMA and adhering to COJ budgeting and accounting policies.
5. COJ reviewed the following internal organizational categories: Boards, Commissions, Standing Committees, and Adhoc Committees. The newly formed committee will operate as a Standing Committee.
6. JNSA will prepare a draft resolution document for COJ to review. It will discuss the Standing Committee's mission and briefly summarize process, procedures, etc. JNSA is to request a go-by document from Sandra Barton (COJ), prepare the draft resolution, and submit it to Sandra Barton for review and processing.
7. The Standing Committee will report through the City Parks & Recreation Coordinator and/or the City Permits Manager.
8. The Standing Committee will prepare an annual budget for fiscal year (FY) 2025. This will entail preparing a budget proposal starting in June 2024 and submitting it to COJ for review at the beginning of August 2024. If acceptable to COJ, they will approve the Standing Committee's FY 2025 budget in Sep 2024.
9. Review COJ Lighting Ordinance for compliance with Dark Sky International requirements for maintaining Dark Sky Community designation/certification.

One other item is to decide whether JNSA as a separate 501(c)3 non-profit should hire a part-time accountant and/or auditor, especially when we develop and initiate the Membership and "Be a Star" programs. At that time, it may be important to have a third-party reviewing the finances of the organization and, if needed, preparing tax returns.

Please contact me with any questions. Thanks.

Regards,

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Next meeting date: March 11, 2024, at 5pm

Adjourned Meeting: 6:00pm