



**City of Jonestown Night
Sky Committee Agenda
March 2019, 2023**

Approve February Meeting Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Report – 5 Minutes

President Report – 10 Minutes Item #1 SQM Readings

To stay consistent with our SQM readings, we must log a reading every quarter 1 SQM reading per quarter. Preferably with 2 or more reading participants. **(We need a volunteer for this and will train.)**

- * New meter SQM-L ordered.
- * More detailed GOS Coordinates
- * Revisit existing sites, add 3 more “fixed” locations for city limits?
- * Offer “spot, one time” readings as prizes at JNSA attended/sponsored events?
- * Post results on Globe at Night website.
- * Communicate meter reading program to residents and neighboring cities via JNSA website, North Shore chamber news, Jonestown city council newsletter and other media. *2024 New Moon dates to accompany Agenda

ITEM #2 – BE A STAR Program – 5 Minutes

What if we approached the lighting examples we are submitting and nominated them to be a BE A Star??? Should we create and present a BE A STAR plaque to businesses who qualify? Trying to figure out how to get this program off the ground especially before Cajan Fest. Ideas would be greatly appreciated.

General Updates/Open Discussion - 15 Minutes

Business and Residential Lighting Projects - we still need examples; we still need these and will always need these.

Hollow's Annual POA Meeting 2/25/23 – takeaways Meshell.

Andrew Gauld, Oldner Lighting – Meshell and I will schedule meeting this week with Andrew to discuss Lighting Education and helping us work with the city for a lighting plan review on new builds. This topic needs to be tabled until we meet with Andrew, we will have an update for the April meeting.

Austin Astronomical Society Meeting 3/10/23 – Lecia, we might should consider joining as an organization which would allow us to attend their private and public Star Parties \$40.00 Membership fee. They had a short session on Beginner Star Parties which I attended. What I learned from this is we need to attend other community Star Parties.

Lago Vista and Leander School Curriculum – Note from Patti, we can get the Lago Vista and Leander School District to help us during the 23-24 school year. Even if we are the ones presenting to the classes with educating the students early in 2nd and 3rd grade on the importance of dark skies and the impact on the whole environment. I know curriculum administrators in both districts.

Lago Vista and Bee Caves have submitted their IDSC applications – Lecia takeaways. Attended Hill Country Night Sky Team Meeting. At least 11 communities in Central Texas trying in some sort of effort to initiate Responsible lighting or working towards their IDSC designation. IDA Membership – I would like to highly encourage everyone that is on this committee to join IDA.

Events 2023

Cajan Fest 4/1/2023 registered for the parade and the event (registration fee waived by NLTC)

Hollows 7/4/2023 Parade- TBA

Jtown Street Fair 9/23/23 we will have a booth at this event.

Star Party 10/7/2023 Pavilion reserved. Tom Campbell with the AAS will be attending.

Cajan Fest Setup – 25 Minutes

Add Cajan Fest date to Website Ann D.

Facebook advertise event 2-3 times a week NOW.

Booth Space is 10 x 10. Booth spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

No Electric or Water.

We are not required to sell anything. Do we want to sell anything? T-SHIRTS!!!

Event Set-up hours are: 8:00-10:30 (must be setup by 10:30)

Takedown begins at 7:00pm

Hours of Event 11:00-7:00, Parade starts at 11:00 Vehicles permitted for unloading.

Who will attend? Times?

Please refrain from using the word “Dark” when speaking to the public. Better choice is “Responsible.”

Raffle? Home Light Reading, maybe give away (2) IDA Approved Exterior Lights Installed? This could lead into the BE A STAR program.

Parade-Darla-toss candy/candy for event? Starburst?

Poster to promote International Dark Sky Week?

April 15-22, 2023, International Dark Sky Week is marked every year during the week of the new moon in April and this year it will be observed from April 15 to 22.

Items needed for Event:

Tables

Raffle Tickets-Lecia

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet/Pens-Lecia

Lights Out Sign-Lecia

Table Covers-Lecia

JNSA Brochures-Lecia

Coloring Pages/Crayons? Lecia

Stickers-Lecia

Small Easel-Lecia

Lg. Posterboard and Lighting Examples-Lecia Banners

Donation Box

Lighting Display? Would be great to have, even if it's a not a live display.

(2) Large Easels-Darla Photo

Prop-Darla

EZ-UP-Mark

Cooler

Trash Can

Bring your own chair, wear your T-Shirt.

Pick a Date for our next meeting.

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2024 New Moon Dates

2024 has 13 new moons. Here is a quick list of the 2024 new moon dates based on information provided by NASA.

| 2024 New Moon | Date & Time (Eastern) | Date & Time (UTC) | New Moon Sign |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| January New Moon | January 11, 2024 6:57 AM EST | January 11, 2024 11:57 AM UTC | Capricorn |
| February New Moon | February 9, 2024 5:59 PM EST | February 9, 2024 10:59 PM UTC | Aquarius |
| March New Moon | March 10, 2024 4:00 AM EDT | March 10, 2024 9:00 AM UTC | Pisces |
| April New Moon | <u>April 8, 2024 2:21 PM EDT</u> | April 8, 2024 7:21 PM UTC | Aries |
| May New Moon | May 7, 2024 11:22 PM EDT | May 8, 2024 4:22 AM UTC | Taurus |
| June New Moon | <u>June 6, 2024 8:38 AM EDT</u> | June 6, 2024 1:38 PM UTC | Gemini |
| July New Moon | July 5, 2024 6:57 PM EDT | July 5, 2024 11:57 PM UTC | Cancer |
| August New Moon | August 4, 2024 7:13 AM EDT | August 4, 2024 12:13 PM UTC | Leo |
| September New Moon | <u>September 2, 2024 9:55 PM EDT</u> | September 3, 2024 2:55 AM UTC | Virgo |
| October New Moon | October 2, 2024 2:49 PM EDT | October 2, 2024 7:49 PM UTC | Libra |
| November New Moon | November 1, 2024 7:47 AM EDT | November 1, 2024 12:47 PM UTC | Scorpio |
| December New Moon | <u>December 1, 2024 1:21 AM EST</u> | December 1, 2024 6:21 AM UTC | Sagittarius |
| December Black Moon | December 30, 2024 5:27 PM EST | December 30, 2024 11:27 PM UTC | Capricorn |