

Jonestown Night Sky Advocacy

**January 18, 2023
Wednesday Zoom Meeting, 9:00 am**

The Zoom JDSA meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Grossman, committee chairman. Members in attendance for the meeting were: Mark Grossman (Chairman), Anne Morley, Lecia Ellis, Meshell Counterman, Darla Ekrut and Patti Johnson.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the previous December 5, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved by the attending committee members. Patti Johnson made a motion to approve, and Lecia Ellis second the motion.

Treasurer Report

David Morley was not present for the meeting. Anne Morley, reported for Treasurer, David Morley, and said the budgeted amount and amount in the account remained the same from the last meeting. Colleen O'Brien will be filing our Form 990 to the IRS this year and our State Franchise Tax.

Committee Chairman's Update

Mark Grossman reported he and Lecia Ellis attended a meeting online presented by the Hill Country Dark Sky Alliance.

IDA Application Update (Sub Committee)

Lecia Ellis gave a report on the status of the IDA Application. The committee is planning to submit our application by the end of February. We will have a rough draft ready for everyone to review by February 13, 2023. On average, the applications will go through review 3 times. Also discussed was the need for light meter readings to show the City lighting in compliance, and lighting that is not (light pollution). Several committee members along with Mark Grossman, committee chairman, will be involved with gathering light meter readings around the City of Jonestown.

Community Commitment to Dark Skies and Success in Light Pollution

Darla and David will follow up with PEC on a confirmation of replacing any streetlights. A discussion was held by committee to follow up with the PEC on a confirmation of replacing City owned streetlight bulbs, and when these lights will be replaced with bulbs that meet Dark Sky compliance.

Evidence of Success in Light Pollution Control

Examples of an appropriate number of projects built under the lighting code showing effective application of the City Ordinance

We currently have 5 residential examples and 2 commercial examples. Veteran's Park just updated their 2 flag poles. Thank you Ann Marie DePrato. Meshell will update the lighting inventory as soon as we get the light readings recorded. A discussion was held on how the City informed the contractors and builders about complying with the City Lighting

Ordinance put in place by City Council in 2021. A discussion was also held on how new building contractors, remodels and new construction follow the new City lighting ordinance, which contains the “Dark Sky” lighting regulations and compliance. It was also discussed that the JNSA invite a City employee from the Building Dept. to our meeting to discuss compliance issues with the City Lighting Ordinance and how we can work together.

Also discussed; if you see a new build that has been constructed during the new lighting ordinance, and you know is not compliant, please contact the City Building Dept.

JNSA Attending Future Events

Jonestown Cajan Fest (4/1/2023) North Shore Chamber Event

JNSA will have a booth at the Jonestown Street Fair. (JTown Street Fair, Saturday, September 23, 2023) 10 am – 4 pm

Lago Fest (4/22/2023)

Northshore Craft Beer Festival (11/23)

Adjournment and Date for the Next Meeting

The committee’s decision was to have the next JDSA Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, 21 2023, at 5:30 pm. Anne Morley made a motion to adjourn the present JSDA meeting, and Mark Grossman, 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

_____ Recorder of Minutes
Patti Johnson

_____ Committee Chairman (President)
Mark Grossman

Date _____