



The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

“Working together to keep
our neighborhood a nice place
to come home to.”

December 2018

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Rosedale Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting / Holiday Social

Tuesday – December 18, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:02 PM

Rudy’s BBQ 3914 N Lamar Blvd Austin, Texas 78756

Join us and help elect our 2019 Steering Committee Members

RNA Bylaws Changes Proposed

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association Steering Committee has initiated the process of amending its bylaws. This process is described in Article XII of the current bylaws (<https://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/by-laws/by-laws-current-version/#article-xii>).

The amended bylaws are now open for review and comment by all residents and real property owners in the Rosedale neighborhood. The process requires a period of three RNA meetings, either regular monthly meetings or the annual meeting.

We held the first meeting in the sequence on Tuesday, November 13, at La Mancha Restaurant. At this meeting, we introduced the proposed changes and talked about the process. The amended bylaws and motivation documents (both PDF) are both available via the RNA website (links are also given at the end of this article). We have distributed the notice to subscribers of the RNA mailing list and have placed a paper copy of the documents at Yarborough library. This paper newsletter is further notification about proposed updates and the process.

The second meeting in the sequence will be the annual meeting at 7pm on December 18 at Rudy's BBQ in the meeting room nearest 39th 1/2 Street. At this meeting, the proposed changes will be open for discussion and we will summarize any discussion that has taken place on the electronic mailing list.

The third meeting in the sequence will take place on February 5, 2019 (time and place to be announced in January). At that time, we will hear final comments and take a vote from RNA members in attendance.

The current bylaws: <https://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/by-laws/by-laws-current-version/>

The bylaws after the proposed updates: <https://rosedaleaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/RNA-by-laws-proposed-20181108.pdf>

Clarification of and motivation for the proposed changes: <https://rosedaleaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/RNA-by-laws-motivation-20181108.pdf>

Rosedale Neighborhood Association

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Annual dues are \$20 per household, \$10 for retirees; any additional funds will be donated to the Ramsey Park fund

If you would like to join the RNA for 2019, please fill out this form and either bring a check payable to RNA to the Annual Meeting or mail to:

Kim Relph, 4510 Rosedale Ave., Austin, Texas 78756

Get involved in Rosedale. Help with one of these committees:

Community Relations _____ Electronic Communications _____ Neighborhood Events _____ Neighborhood Features _____ Newsletter _____

Parks _____ Traffic/Parking _____ Zoning _____

Visit: <http://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/subcommittees/>

Dear Rosedale Neighbors,

As my 2018 term as RNA President draws to a close, I wanted to share some thoughts about the RNA and why it matters. I have served on the RNA Steering Committee for a couple decades, several terms as president. No, I am not a glutton for punishment. Serving Rosedale through the RNA is rewarding, its benefits to me, my family, and community tangible, immediate, and lasting.

The RNA serves as a valuable community resource in many ways you may never notice. The RNA Yahoo Group has provided the neighborhood with a way of communicating effectively about shared problems, missing pets, school events, and great plumbers. Neighbors with small nagging issues have somewhere to go to get help or find a resource. The great work of the RNA communications and technology volunteers is incredible. We don't have flaming fights, we aren't inundated with circular debates, and best of all we take all this for granted.

The City of Austin works closely with the RNA, and we are widely respected for picking our battles and looking for win-win solutions to development and zoning and transportation issues. We work hard to safeguard the best qualities of the neighborhood without opposing progress and density.

RNA has worked to ensure that developments such as the Triangle, Central Park, and the Grove are compatible with the neighborhood, but not to stop them. With development issues large and small, we have often negotiated a middle path so that a business or homeowner can solve a problem without a fight. We help resolve parking and pedestrian and traffic and noise issues. We don't say, "No." We ask, "Have you considered this or that alternative?"

RNA partnered with Friends of Ramsey Park and Austin Parks and Rec to transform the

park into the vibrant center of activity it is today. We sponsor and support events such as the 4th of July Celebration, the annual Pool Party, and plays and movies at the park. We plant trees, install sidewalks, champion Ramsey Pool, and work with city staff to keep things working.

The RNA Steering Committee and officers are all volunteers with busy schedules and many responsibilities. We seldom all agree on anything, but we try to use wisdom and open-minded thinking to address the tough issues that come up. I encourage you to attend an RNA meeting now and then, and to consider pitching in on the steering committee sometime, especially when an issue of concern to you arises.

We accept only the commitment you can make, no pressure for more than that. I am profoundly grateful for the work of RNA, past and present. And above all I am grateful for the support and understanding of all my Rosedale neighbors. I hope to see you at the annual meeting December 18.

Jeff Archer
Rosedale Ave.

RNA Meeting Dates for 2019

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| February 5th | April 2nd |
| June 4th | August 6th |
| October 8th | December 3rd |

Venue TBA



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