



Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Ariel Loveland, Ron Rubel, Brian Sund, Roz Shirack, Lorrie Walker, Evan West, and Mark Wigg.

John Prohodsky, Jim Scheppke and Carol Snyder were excused.

Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

President Victor Dodier called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

a. Approval of minutes

- a. The July 2023 meeting minutes were accepted without corrections.

b. City and County Reports:

- a. Councilor Nordyke spoke from her PowerPoint. She said that she is running for re-election to her seat on Council in 2024. She is the director of CASA and invited us to become involved in CASA. She distributed a CASA newsletter (attached). She gave a brief update on the City's proposed payroll tax; City Council is working on a plan to advocate for the payroll tax, now that it will be on the ballot in November. She reported on the Navigation Center

Neighbors and the City have been working on a plan to improve mobility along Salem Heights Rd to Salem Heights Elementary. The plan will improve safety for both pedestrians and traffic.

She also reported on the FERT (Fairmount Emergency Response) effort. She asked if there was interest in extending the effort outside of the Fairmount Hill area.

- b. Councilor Nishioka reported that Joe Hutchinson is the City crisis director.

c. Neighborhood Concerns/Announcements

Victor nominated Brian Hart to the SCAN Board. Brian successfully led the street mural project from the beginning in terms of securing the Travel Salem funding, heading up the ad hoc SCAN committee, and organizing the painting project itself and the celebration. Brian's nomination to the Board was moved and seconded. The vote to confirm the nomination was unanimous.

Mark Wigg voiced a concern about wildfire safety in Fairmount Park. The undeveloped part of the park is overgrown with ivy and blackberry. In addition, there are homeless camps there. The apartment owners have expressed a willingness to clear buffer areas so that, if a fire starts in the park, the fire will be less likely to spread out of the park. He said that he

had asked City staff if the apartment owners could do this work, but has not received a response despite several contacts.

Victor asked if the board was willing to lend SCAN's support to a request to allow adjacent owners to work in the park. There was general agreement. Councilor Nordyke also asked Mark to forward his request to her.

Ron Rubel reported that the 2023 Salem Art Fair fell short of expectations. The hot weather was clearly a factor. The Art Association assessing what can be done to improve attendance. He also commented on the value of murals, and explained that there are significant legal challenges in the City Code to painting new murals on buildings.

Lorrie Walker commented on continuing problems in the Howard Court area. The situation improved briefly when Salem PD increased patrols, but drug dealing, trash, have returned. The court owner is working to evict a person whose "friends" appear to be the problem. But, an eviction will create other problems because the individual is a disabled vet.

Becka Brisbin (Becka Makes Buttons) presented her "Radness Ensues" proposal (see flyer). She is shifting her business (Becka Makes Buttons) into a private nonprofit. "Radness Ensues" would create a visionary community hub. She is fund raising to buy a property at 1264 13th St. SE to serve as location for "Radness Ensues." Councilor Nordyke shared connection with Becka.

Maureen McGee, the new director of Mission Street Parks Conservancy (succeeding Christine Chute), introduced herself. She invited us to become involved in MSPC activities, such as the Bush Park Tuesday Gardeners.

d. Dark Skies for Salem

Marissa Theve, who serves on the Grant Neighborhood Association Board, made a PowerPoint presentation, Dark Skies for Salem. The presentation focused on light pollution and relatively simple measures that can be taken to put light where it is needed rather than lighting areas that don't need it (for example, neighboring houses, the sky, etc). She said that she is often asked, "what about safety?" Safety can be maintained by focusing light on areas where it's needed, reducing light levels, and preventing intrusion onto neighboring property. She noted three specific locations in Salem with high general lighting. These include the Home Depot / car dealerships on the north side of the area, downtown Salem, and the Fred Meyer / Willamette Town Center mall. The presentation had an example specific to our area: lights shining on the Bush Park tennis courts at 5:25 on a partly sunny, but rainy afternoon. What can the City and we do? Shield street lights and other outdoor lights so that they are pointed at the ground, use timers and motion detectors, use warm light spectrums, and set the lighting level to the minimum useful level.

Councilor Nishioka indicated that she has been pushing for lighting reduction for awhile.

e. Mountain View Stormwater Project

Jerry Casteel, a City of Salem project engineer, made a brief presentation on the Mountain View Stormwater Project. The house at 2530 Mountain View Dr S has been flooded several times during heavy downpours: water flows down the street, into the driveway and then to the daylight basement. The City built a retaining wall to hold back storm water without resolving the problem. The City has purchased the house and intends to build a large storm water retention basin on the property to hold water during downpours. Casteel showed

several examples of retention basin that are in place around the City, including plants/shrubs that tolerate dry/wet conditions.

Victor noted that we have a retention basin in the Lower Leffelle part of Bush Park. He also commented that retention basin can be a maintenance headache. Plants, such as cottonwoods, take root easily and overgrow the initial plantings.

Victor also noted that Gilmore Field is a retention basin. When it was overwhelmed in 2012, water flowed onto the streets in that part of the neighborhood and backed up into basements because the area has a combined sanitary / storm sewer. He asked if the area downhill from the Mountain View site had a combined sewer. Casteek responded that the sewer is separated.

f. Adoption of New SCAN Logo

The proposed new logo was included with the September SCAN agenda. It is a slightly modified version of the options prepared by Samantha West and presented at the July meeting. The logo has been used on the banner at SCAN table during the mural project.



Victor noted that the Board had moved to change the logo at the July meeting and liked an oak leaf design, subject to some final changes. He asked if there was a motion to adopt the new logo. A motion was made to adopt the new logo and seconded. There was brief discussion. The motion was approved with a vote of 9 in favor and 2 abstentions.

Roz asked for image to be sent to her, for inclusion into letterhead, etc.

g. Board Discussion of SCAN Goals

Victor had prepared a handout of the SCAN goals.

Adopted SCAN Goals

- Advocate with the City to improve the transportation system for walkers, cyclists and public transportation users.
- Advocate for parks improvement.
- Support and encourage more medium density housing developments across the City, and prohibit unoccupied short term rentals as they remove housing stock for Salem residents.
- Encourage the City to take bold actions to achieve the goals of the Salem Climate Action Plan.

There is a proposed update to an existing goal and a proposed new goal, stated in several variations.

The goal statements were discussed. However, it appeared that more work needed to be done on the wording of the proposed new goal statement. There was also a suggestion to put the goal statements into SCAN's bylaws. Victor made a decision to defer action until the next board meeting.

h. Committee Reports & Chair's Report

a. Land Use

Roz submitted the Land Use Committee report by email prior to the meeting (attached). She noted that the proposal to rescind the five overlay zones in SCAN is up for reconsideration at the September 25 City Council meeting. SCAN has not changed its position and will submit the testimony that it presented at the July meeting.

Council Nishioka commented on her proposal to modify the motion to rescind the overlay zones.

b. Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens

Jon Christenson submitted his HPPG report by email prior to the meeting (attached). He commented on the Heritage Neighborhood Designation process. He noted that Kimberli Fitzgerald (Historic Preservation Officer) is planning to do a zoom meeting with the committee regarding the process.

c. Transportation

Victor submitted the transportation Committee report by email prior to the meeting (attached). The Committee had discussed a proposal by a neighbor to restrict parking on the dead-end section of Fairmount Avenue one side of the street. The 20-foot wide street is all but impassable when cars are parked on both sides of the street. Committee members were supportive, but was unsure as to the City's process. He noted that the Committee report has a motion, but he wished to withdraw the motion. In follow-up with the City, he learned that the City requires a petition signed by all the affected residents on both sides of the street. When this was transmitted to the requestor, the requestor decided to drop the matter.

d. President's report

Victor noted that SCAN has had three successful activities this year: the Arbor Day planting / ivy removal in April, the neighborhood cleanup with Preserve Cannabis in August, and the street mural project in September.

He thanked Brian Hart for leading the street mural effort as well as Jessica Ramey, the artist, and the many, many others involved in the project.

He asked Board members to think about projects that we might do next year. He commented that the success of the street mural project at Leffelle & Church had sparked interest in other locations.

He noted that the Salem City Club's next program (September 22) would feature Salem-Keizer Public School's new superintendent, Andrea Casteneda. In October, City Club will begin a 3 part series on climate change with a presentation by Oregon's Insurance Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Exhibit A

Attendees for September 13, 2023 SCAN Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present	Board Member	Email Address	Present
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Dodier, Victor	vidodier@teleport.com	X	Shirack, Roz	rozshirack7@gmail.com	X
Brian Hart	brianhart22@gmail.com		Sund, Brian	sund60@icloud.com	X
Loveall, Ariel	oversunoversky@hotmail.com	X	Snyder, Carol	snyder2858@comcast.net	E
Peterson, Josh	joshua.g.peterson@gmail.com	X	Walker, Lorrie	dakotalor@msn.com	X
Prohodskey, John	johnmpro@gmail.com	E	West, Evan	evanwest714@gmail.com	X
Rubel, Ron	ronrubel@comcast.net	X	Wigg, Mark	mark_wigg@hotmail.com	X

E- excused

Other Attendees

Linda Nishioki, Councilor Ward 2
Vanessa Nordyke, Councilor Ward 7
Marissa Theve
Becka Brisbin
James Casteel, City of Salem Public Works

Exhibit B

Land Use Committee Report

SCAN Land Use Committee Report

For SCAN meeting September 13, 2023

The Land Use Committee did not meet in August.

SCAN Overlay Zones

Council will reconsider and vote on whether to remove the 5 SCAN overlay zones at its September 25 meeting. The June 26 public hearing was closed, but Council is accepting comments at the September 25 meeting. At that meeting Councilor Nishioka plans to offer a substitute motion in place of the motion to remove all 5 overlay zones. The substitute is to approve a 5-yr delay for removing the Saginaw St Overlay (near Mission St) and the Superior-Rural Overlay, but otherwise allow immediate removal of the other 3 overlays. The 5-yr reprieve for the two overlays is suggested because they are adjacent to an area with historic homes that may qualify as a National Register Residential Historic District (NRRHD), if neighbors want to pursue that. If NRRHD's are approved, then a special building height restriction of 45-ft in the MU-I and MU-II zones would apply. The overlay zones would be removed, but the 45-ft height maximum (instead of the 35-ft height maximum in the overlays) would apply to lots adjacent to the NRRHD, a second-best solution.

Background: At its July 10 meeting Council voted to approve Councilor Phillips' motion to reconsider Council's June 26 vote to not make any changes to the five SCAN overlay zones. At the June 26 public hearing the vast majority of people testifying were opposed to the elimination of the overlay zones, in addition to the 42 people on the petition that SCAN entered into the record. Everyone who testified is supposed to receive a notice of the September 25 reconsideration vote.

New Hunsaker Dental office at the corner of Commercial St SE and Kearney St (zoned MU-I)

The site plan request was approved by staff with a number of conditions, including:

- Widen an aisle in the parking lot to accommodate fire department vehicle access; planting at least 9 trees in the parking lot;
- At the time of building permit review, the applicant shall provide a full landscaping plan.
- Convey land for dedication to equal a half-width right-of-way of 33 feet on the development side of Commercial Street SE, including sufficient right-of-way to accommodate public infrastructure at the property corners;
- Along Kearney Street S and Saginaw Street S, replace nonconforming portions of existing sidewalk along the frontage of the property.
- Along Commercial Street SE, replace and relocate sidewalks to the proposed property line along the frontage of the property.
- Along Commercial Street SE and Kearney Street S, remove existing concrete pavement within the planter strips and replace with landscape.
- Install street trees to the maximum extent feasible along Commercial Street SE, Kearney Street S, and Saginaw Street S.

- The existing driveway approaches along Kearney Street S and Commercial Street SE shall be removed.
- The proposed driveway onto Commercial Street SE shall be limited to right-in only.

The Committee supported 3 of the 7 requested adjustments. The requested adjustments followed by the Committee's recommendation and comments, and staff decision are as follows:

a) Increase the maximum setback for the proposed building abutting Kearney Street S from 0 ft. to 10 ft. (SRC 533.015(c)). Support (4-2). This provides the desired patient privacy and adds additional landscaping along the sidewalk that is pedestrian-friendly. **Staff approved adjustment.**

b) Allow less than 75 percent of the street frontage of the lot abutting Commercial Street SE to be occupied by building placed at the setback line (SRC 533.015(d)). Support (4-2), primarily for patient privacy and recognition that most pedestrians will not be coming into the building for commercial or residency purposes. **Staff approved adjustment.**

c) Reduce the minimum required ground floor height of the proposed building from 14 ft. to 9 ft. (SRC 533.015(h)). Support (5-1). The applicant documented many types of large buildings in Salem that have 10-foot ground floors. 14-foot ceiling is not needed or appropriate for the dental office. A 9-foot ceiling will not prevent other uses in the future, plus it allows the overall 3-story building to be lower. The Committee also recently supported the 10-ft ground floor height for the Cozy Residential manager's office on Bush St (also in the MU-I zone). **Staff approved adjustment.**

d) Allow the proposed building to include less than a minimum of 65 percent transparent windows on the ground floor facades facing Commercial Street SE and Kearney Street S (SRC 533.015(h)). (Oppose 6-0). Ground floor windows are an important feature of pedestrian-friendly architecture encouraged by the MU-I zone. If the 10-foot setback along Kearney St is approved, then windows are less of a privacy concern along that façade. The applicant can meet the window standard and control patient privacy with interior blinds and lighting. **Applicant revised plan to comply with the standard and withdrew this adjustment.**

e) Allow less than 75 percent of the ground floor facades of the proposed building adjacent to Commercial Street SE and Kearney Street S to include weather protection in the form of awnings or canopies (SRC 533.015(h)). Oppose (6-0). Weather protection is an important feature of pedestrian-friendly architecture encouraged by the MU-I zone, and 75% coverage is reasonable (Committee prefers 100%). However, if the requested 10-ft setback along Kearney is approved, then there is no reason to have awnings along the Kearney façade, because they would not cover the sidewalk. Applicant requested no awnings along Kearney.

Applicant revised plan to comply with the standard along Commercial St and withdrew this adjustment. Staff approved the adjustment for Kearney St only due to the 10-ft setback.

f) Allow the proposed development, which is located on a corner lot abutting a local street, to take access to Commercial Street SE (the street with the higher street classification) rather than solely to Kearney Street S (the street with the lower street classification) (SRC 804.035(c)(2)). Oppose (6-0). Applicant notes it will close two of the existing driveways onto Commercial St, but wants to have one driveway access onto

Commercial St in addition to the allowed driveway onto Kearney St. Not allowing a driveway onto Commercial St, as required in the code, is safer for traffic and pedestrians, given the existing ARCO gas station driveway north of the proposed driveway. Also, drivers exiting a driveway on Commercial St. will be looking north at upstream traffic and may not see pedestrians approaching from the south. The code allows this site plan to have one driveway onto Kearney St. The parking lot is large enough to allow vehicle maneuvering in and out of that one driveway. **Staff approved this adjustment with the condition that the driveway onto Commercial Street SE shall be limited to right-in only to mitigate the Committee's safety concerns.**

g) Allow the proposed driveway approach onto Commercial Street SE to be located less than the minimum required 370-foot spacing from the intersection of Kearney Street S and nearest driveway to the north of the subject property on Commercial Street SE (SRC 804.035(d)). Oppose (6-0). This adjustment is not needed assuming the above requested driveway is denied. **Staff approved this adjustment with the right-in only restriction noted above.**

A Class 2 Driveway Approach Permit for the proposed driveway approaches serving the development onto Commercial Street SE and Kearney Street S. The Committee opposes the Commercial St driveway permit, but supports the Kearney St driveway permit. **Staff approved the driveway onto Commercial St. as well as one onto Kearney.**

A small part of the site is in the Saginaw Street Overlay Zone and it complies with those standards.

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) request for 2630 Pheasant St SE

The Committee supported this request, including an adjustment to locate the detached ADU in the front yard of the primary dwelling instead of the side or back yard, as required by the code. There is very little space in the side yards and the backyard is a steep, treed slope. Several other neighbors have detached garages in the front yard, so a new garage with an ADU over it in front will fit the existing pattern in the neighborhood. The Committee's support was subject to staff finding that a tree was not removed from the building site illegally. Staff found the tree was not removed illegally as it did not meet the standard of a significant tree which would have required a tree removal permit. **Staff approved the request with the adjustment.**

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair

SCAN Land Use Committee

Exhibit C

Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee Report

I. Lord & Schryver Conservancy

On September 9 and 10, at the residence of Jessica Maxwell and Representative Tom Andersen, a fundraiser set of tours will be held for the Conservancy. Tickets are available through Eventbrite or the Conservancy website.

Tours on Saturday, Sept 9 will be at 1 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm: on Sunday Sept 10, at 2 pm and 3:30 pm. Stroll the unique garden with Jessica, and a tour of the Clarence L. Smith designed home with Tom - see their expansive art collection by Northwest artists.

Among the art in this private collection are landscapes work by the notable Jon Jay Cruson, paintings from his post-lithograph period.

For years, a resident of Seal Rock on the Oregon Coast, Cruson now lives in Eugene. His work is also in the collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum (London], Ford Museum, (Michigan). Chrysler Corporation, Takeshi & Minako (Tokyo, Japan), Harvey (Ban Am-Phur, Thailand). Portland General Electric and Pacific Corp, University of Oregon Law School.

Following one's tour is a catered reception with wine and other beverages at Gaiety Hollow, 545 Mission Street, S. E.

II. "Sense of Place" Art Exhibit: Work of Jon Jay Cruson, Nancy Lindburg, Margaret Coe. Matthew Dennison

Focused on the land, and our relationship with the land and our sense of place, currently are also two public exhibits of landscapes by Jon Jay Cruson, Nancy Lindburg, et al -- at Level 2 Gallery located at the Salem Convention Center in the Historic Downtown Salem District.

M-F - 10 AM to 5 PM until September 14, 2023. An extension of the exhibit is at Salem Public Library. Sponsor is Pioneer Trust Bank.

III. Heritage Neighborhood Designation Request

A request has been made for the SCAN Neighborhood to be designated as a "Heritage Neighborhood" (Board Action July 12, 2023). Letter from the SCAN President/

BACKGROUND

Three central city neighborhoods have received this honor and the follow up accompanying surveys from the City Historic Landmarks Commission: SESNA (Southeast Salem), Grant, and Highland.

Couple more clarifications: this designation is not a regulatory or land use overlay. It is not a *National Historic District*. It is not regulation or an overlay zone. It is a (HLC) commission action. It "green lights" administrative City resources through the Commission and City HPO,

working with the neighborhood, to identify, inventory architectural, cultural and historical resources, and provides an opportunity to compile a professional written history of the SCAN Neighborhood.

NEXT STEP

Next step will be: (1) a work session(s) of the HPPG Committee on the Heritage Neighborhood to scope out the potential area; (2) including a Committee conversation with the City HPO; and (3) a recommendation from the HPPG Committee in October to the full SCAN Board on the potential area to be studied.

Two areas in SCAN have extensive research already: Gaiety Hill/Bush's Pasture Park NHD (1986) and a portion of Fairmount (2008).

Focus of the Heritage scoping will be an inclusiveness for areas overlooked and a cohesiveness with a neighborhood identity: areas overlooked: south of the GH/BPP NHD and east of South Salem High School, south of Rural, east of Church, the Ben Lomonds (Upper and Lower, Tillman), and potential significant landmarks, e.g., Calvary Baptist Church, or areas of high value, north Saginaw Street (north of Owens) et al.

Members of the Committee have been forwarded information received from the City in July-August.

Jon Christenson

Exhibit D

Transportation Committee Report

The SCAN Transportation Committee met by Zoom at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. Attendees: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppeke, Cheryl Hummon, John Prohodsky and Brian Sund

The agenda was:

- Discuss the request to limit parking on Fairmount Avenue S north of Lincoln Street
- Other topics suggested by committee members

Removal of parking from west side of Fairmount Ave., north of Lincoln: Fairmount Ave. is generally a 30-foot wide north-south local street. However, north of Lincoln St, Fairmount Ave narrows to a 20 feet wide profile for the ½ block north of Lincoln Street before it dead-ends due to the steep slope of Fairmount Hill.

A neighbor observed that it may be difficult, if not impossible, for large vehicles (delivery trucks & emergency vehicles) to travel this segment of Fairmount when cars are parked on both sides of the street. While the issue arose due to a dispute that had neighbors parking on both sides of the street, the situation also occurs when events are scheduled at Mahonia Hall.

He requested that SCAN support for a request to remove parking from the west side of this narrow segment of Fairmount Ave.

Committee members were generally supportive of the request. However, we were uncertain about the City's process for this type of request. After the meeting, I contacted Kevin Hottmann, City of Salem's Traffic Engineer. He responded that (1) the requestor should circulate a petition among all affected residents and (2) obtain NA support.

Therefore, the Transportation Committee recommends the following motion:

The South Central Association of Neighbors supports removal of parking from the west side of the dead-end segment of Fairmount Avenue, north of Lincoln Street, provided the requestor circulates a petition among affected neighbors.

About the Committee: The SCAN Transportation Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We meet at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Fairmount Cottages, when the room is available. Otherwise, we meet by Zoom.

Submitted

Victor Dodier

Chair, SCAN Transportation Committee



*We are for
the Children*

Thursday, December 7
Noon at the Reed Ballroom

Our Annual Luncheon is Thursday,
December 7 at noon at the Reed Ballroom.

Reserve your seat today!

Email casaluncheon@casamarionor.org
to reserve your seat, sponsor the event, or
serve as a Table Captain!

CASA of Marion County Newsletter for Fall 2023

Promotional videos coming soon!

Thanks to a grant from the Oregon
Community Foundation, we filmed interviews
of some of our amazing staff, volunteers, and
resource parents.

We are creating videos in Spanish and English
to inspire our community to join our cause.

Videos will be uploaded to our Facebook page
and YouTube channel. Stay tuned!



Thank you returning sponsors!



A Message from Executive Director Vanessa Nordyke



There's no CASA without CASA volunteers. That's why we launched a volunteer recruitment drive, with an emphasis on finding community members ready to serve our diversifying county. Our results to date:

9% overall increase in volunteers (from 85 to 93)

200% increase in Spanish-speaking volunteers (from 2 to 6)

83% increase in volunteers of color (from 6 to 10)

Six new volunteers under the age of 40

Retaining existing volunteers is critical. Our 2023 volunteer satisfaction survey indicated a shared desire to build community. So, we organized volunteer appreciation events for spring and summer. These events were a big hit! Staff, volunteers, and board members laughed their way through friendly games of trivia and bingo. New volunteers were excited to meet and learn from our experienced volunteers.

Contact us to sponsor a venue, prizes, or refreshments for our next volunteer appreciation event!

Volunteer recognition matters. At our Annual Luncheon on Thursday, December 7th, we will announce our first-ever Volunteer of the Year. May this award inspire excellence in advocacy!

As discussed in a separate column below, we are enhancing volunteer access to educational resources and services, so that they have everything they need to advocate effectively. Join us in supporting our volunteers' advocacy for the educational, medical, behavioral, and safety needs of children in care.

CASA Launches Advocate Learning Center

We want our Court Appointed Special Advocates to model best practices in child advocacy. To do that, we created an Advocate Learning Center on our website featuring:

Community Resources: vocational training, therapy, after-school programming, and more

Educational Tools: articles, tutoring programs, and more to help kids excel in school

Cultural Competency: resources to advocate for the specific needs of kids in care

Continuing Education: a link to an external repository of CEs, book lists, film lists and more to help CASA volunteers satisfy their annual CE requirements

Child Well-being: Information about childhood trauma, suicide prevention, and mental health

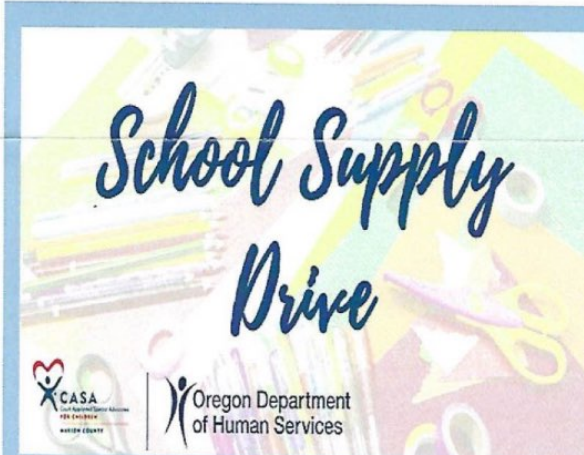
Courtroom Advocacy: Best practices for trial preparation and courtroom advocacy

Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Terra, a CASA since 2017!

Terra became a CASA in February 2017 and she has been an incredible ally since. She is an extraordinary human – she fights for what is right and is unafraid to be the last one standing.

Terra is a fierce advocate for her CASA children. She brings life and passion to every corner of her world, touching the lives of so many others and leaving a lasting, positive impression. Terra is lively and full of adventure, taking full advantage of opportunities to get out into the world and see all the magnificent things it can offer. She is a true champion for children, devoted to her family, friends, and community.

We are so thankful Terra is part of our team – we couldn't do this work without her and others like her!



Over \$3,700 Raised in Cash Donations to CASA's School Supply Drive

Together, we can raise the foster child combined graduation/GED rate above the statewide average of 49%.

Kids in care do better in school when they have a CASA on their side.

CASAs review grades, speak to their teachers, and recommend educational resources specific to the child's needs.

Get your cup of joe from Dutch Bros. on Sept. 15!

For their "Buck for Kids" fundraiser, Dutch Bros. will donate \$1 to CASA for every drink sold on Friday, Sept. 15! Visit Dutch Bros. locations in Salem and thank them for their support.



Child advocacy isn't charity.

It's justice.



CASA of Marion County
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for children



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Our Mission of Radness

A vibrant and inclusive community hub, where creativity thrives and hearts unite in a safer and sober environment. Through our diverse ventures, we empower local artists, support underserved youth, and provide a safe space for self-expression and healing. Our mission is to create a lasting impact, breaking the cycle of poverty, and promoting the power of creativity and human connection.



Spread Love. Make Buttons.

Who is Becka Brisbin?

A community leader who overcame addiction and mental health challenges through her love of button-making. She now uses her buttons to connect with others and inspire a more kind and inclusive world for future generations.

Service Work

ROCC - Board Treasurer
Salem/Keizer Public Schools - Volunteer
Emerging Leaders Ambassador '22-'23
Punx in the Park - Co-Founder
B17 Alliance Volunteer
American Legion Auxiliary
Other various volunteer efforts to help keep children safe.



Radness Ensues

A Button Buddy Collective by Becka Makes Buttons

Together WE ARE building something RAD!

www.beckamakesbuttons.com

Radness Ensues: A Community Hub for All Shop, Learn, Create, and Connect

Radness Ensues is a community hub that will offer a variety of programs and services to support our neighborhood, including:

Handmade buttons and gifts: A dinosaur-themed gift shoppe filled with unique items made by local artists and makers.

Art, music, and cooking classes: Take classes to learn new skills or explore your creative side, share your talents during summer open mic sessions.

Groups and clubs: Get involved in a group or club that interests you.

Pancake breakfasts for charity: Take part in weekly charity events that benefit youth-focused programs in our community.

Community garden: Relax and enjoy the outdoors in our community garden.

Button Creation Station: Utilize art supplies to create your own buttons and button-based items.

Addressing Needs

We understand that every neighborhood has its own unique needs. That's why we offer a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of our community. For example, we offer:

Youth Empowerment:
We empower young individuals through the RAD Youth Internship Program for job training and mentorship.

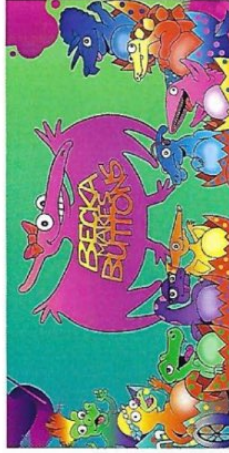
Family Empowerment:
We create a safe and accessible hub for children and families where people can connect, learn, and engage without fear of exclusion.

Mental Health Empowerment:
We offer therapy groups, support meetings, and resources for individuals facing mental health challenges and trauma.

Creative Empowerment:
We provide creative programs and workshops to encourage self-expression and skill development.

Diversity Empowerment and inclusivity: We foster a sense of belonging for LGBTQIA+ individuals and marginalized communities.

Community Empowerment:
We create a space for genuine human connections and relationships to flourish.



Since February 2011, Becca has been collecting Button Buddies of all ages and all walks of life. They are the creatives who inspire her and the ones who understand the magic of connection, working together to build the collective dream, "to inspire and to be inspired" simply by being who they are. They are the friends Becca has collected over the years that all help to make our world a little bit brighter.

Contact to Collaborate:

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