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Date: Wednesday, May 07, 2025
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Public Registration:

This is a hybrid meeting, so come in-person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom to be let into the waiting room at:

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/92776790700?pwd=4cbvzbYhAbgqkzkGbbKtbxIRWUuDJs.1>

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Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

4-H: (Rachel, Bailey, Britney, Roxanne)

Welcome Roxanne! Our new 4-H Program Coordinator!

Successfully held the Cake Decorating and Creative Cooks contests in April with strong youth participation

Completed Hunter Education certification course with 30+ participants

Conducted monthly 4-H Cloverbuds Workshops for our youngest 4-H members

4-Hers represented Larimer County exceptionally well at the Front Range Regional Speech Contest

Upcoming Events:

June 13th: Junior Jam - Annual leadership event for ages 8-11 hosted by Larimer Weld and Boulder Counties

June 17-20: State 4-H Conference - Annual statewide gathering for 4-H youth leadership development and professional development contests for Senior 4-H members

Ag & Natural Resources: (Jess)

The Food Summit was a success. We had 60 participants, two educational sessions and a large focus group discussion where participants shared the challenges and success in our local food system.

Presented about the Grant and Grow event at the Extension Risk Management and Education Conference, many extension professionals across the U.S. are now interested in leading this event in their state.

Co-hosting an Extension intern with Erin Jackson and Megan Schipanski in the Soil and Crop Science Department at CSU, the intern will be working on the soil health demo day and other relevant events throughout the summer

Hosting two on farm demonstration days in June

June 3rd, Solar Grazing and Growing, collaborating with NREL and Agrisolar Consulting to provide a demo day to producers and ag stakeholders on agrivoltaics at Jacks Solar Garden in Longmont, CO

June 17th, 2nd Annual Soil Health Demo Day, collaborating with CSU, NRCS and RMFU to provide soil health education to producers at Olanders Farm in Berthoud, CO

Starting site visits again for the spring, summer, and fall. Two site visits have already been conducted.

Community Development: (Lisa)

FLTI Larimer County, in collaboration with community partners, hosted a Local Government workshop on April 9 featuring County Commissioner Kristen Stephens and local city councilmembers. There were 50 registrants with an actual number of 35 participants and 5 community partner participants in attendance.

Data from the workshop shows a need for similar workshops and possible webinars.

On April 18, the Spanish Aging Mastery alumni group will meet, featuring guest speaker Sergio Torres, who will share insights about the Volunteers of America and their services.

Mosaic has reached out about FLTI Larimer County hosting a webinar this summer about advocacy.

Farmers' Market: (Maggie)

2024 season overview & report in presentation

2025 farmers' market snapshot:

Double Up Food Bucks AND Produce Bonus implemented concurrently at market

Continued partnership with Food Bank on "Veg Out" program (Food Bank purchasing of leftover produce from vendors weekly) with reduced funding for 2025 because of federal budget cuts to LFPA funds from USDA

Continued partnership with Food Bank with Cooking Matters nutrition education program & "Food Bank Bucks" vouchers for customers

Market Days for Older Adults program continuation

2025 market vendor snapshot

20 NEW vendors for 2025

3 new agricultural vendors

Located in Fort Collins, Loveland & Johnstown

New plant bus!

Two new food trucks

New baked goods vendors, new butter vendor, new pickled items & jams/jellies vendors (jar enthusiasts)

124 vendors total

Fort Collins: 65 vendors

Loveland: 12 vendors

Wellington: 6 vendors

Greeley: 4 vendors

Berthoud: 3 vendors

Other, including: Denver, Boulder, northern Colorado (Wiggins, Platteville, Eaton, Livermore, Windsor, etc): 31

Western Slope (Palisade & Hotchkiss): 3

Many returning 2024 vendors were given increased selling opportunities for 2025

99% of produce vendors part of Produce Bonus program - including 2 new ranches also accepting SNAP directly as result of our SNAP Retailer sign-up day in March

Market will again feature one different musician & different nonprofit/community booth per week

Come join us on Opening Day on May 17! 9:00AM SHARP! ☐

Food Safety & Nutrition (Amber & Analecia)

Retail Food Safety- New 2022 Food Code - uptick in registration

CFPM total- 111 participants completed- 40 registered participants for all packages.

Full- 74 total

Spanish- 3 Spanish interpreted classes

20 full class participants

9 review session

4 exam only

Looking to put together another Spanish class Love/FTC- 5 participants currently waiting for a class

Other- 15 participants-

Upcoming- Cheley Camps Estes- 10 participants in Spanish - also open to the public for Estes locations mainly

FSW- total 40 participants

Full locations- La Creperie, Wellington Senior Center, JLC/4-H

Up coming- Cheley Camps- 12 participants in Spanish

Facilitation option for Spanish classes

Family Consumer Sciences (Amber)

Amber hosted

Health & Well-Being: (Christa)

Partnership for Age Friendly communities is interested in collaborating on an education campaign to encourage residents to plan for healthy aging for themselves and loved ones. The campaign will highlight Senior Access Points and the Office on Aging's Answers on Aging resource. Christa will work closely with this group to develop the campaign for the summer.

Christa applied for a sponsorship with Nutrien to support Market Days for Older Adults. We received \$8k from them to support the program this season.

Christa held a Stress Resiliency workshop at the Food Summit on March 29th. Fifteen participants were in attendance to learn about stress management with active participation in stress reduction techniques.

Christa contributed to a Nature and Health poster with colleagues from OEE, Boulder County Extension and Adams County Extension that will be presented at the National Extension Health Outreach & Engagement Conference in Omaha April 29th-May 1st.

Horticulture: (Alison)

Team Winter Squash won the 2025 Extension Veggie Madness competition - defeating Team Potato for the second year in a row! The Squash Squad rallied late on the final voting day to claim victory.

Alison is partnering with the Ram Scholars program this spring and in fall - they have expanded the program to include the Ram Explorers, who are individuals that will not take CSU classes, but are gaining life skills through experiential learning

The Master Gardeners will support four farmers' markets this summer with Q&A booths and volunteer efforts: City of Loveland, Town of Berthoud, Estes Valley, and the Larimer County Farmers' Market

The Master Gardeners taught a series of classes at the Loveland Library (April 8, 15, and 22) and at Council Tree (May 2 and 9) for the general public

Alison will be doing a tree walk for OLLI in June featuring the “Notable Trees of the CSU Campus”

Alison did six presentations about Arbor Day and the importance of trees for various schools in Larimer County

General/Other (Cary)

Position updates

One new applicant for Extension Advisory Committee

Key Performance Indicators

Staff Presentation

Farmers Market Presentation

Horticulture Presentation

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting Scheduled

7/2/2025: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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