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Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2024
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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/92223167206?pwd=NEVGLy9SL3lQd0Q4bDdHWmR1Z1BhUT09>

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Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

1. September Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

1. **4-H:** (Rachel, Bailey, Britney, Diane and Diana)

We had a very successful Open House in early October, collecting collected contact information from 75 new families

Most attendees heard about the event from social media or friends and family

Held Fall Festival in conjunction with the Farmers' Market we saw approximately 85 visitors

Achievement Night will be November 8th to showcase the accomplishments of 4-H this year

2. **Ag & Natural Resources:** (Jess)

Applying for WSARE Local Education and Demonstration Grant - to fund creating a report and documentary of Citizen Science Soil Health Project and fund soil health field days for the next two years

Working with Maggie on getting the word out about Farm2LocalBiz Networking Event

Finishing up site visits for the season

Larimer County Ag producer survey report is finished and I am working on creating meetings to address producers challenges with correct departments

3. **Community Development:** (Lisa)

The Aging Mastery program in Spanish is in full swing with 9 participants. Cherly presented her advanced care presentation to the class on 10/28.

The Aging Mastery alumni group is continuing to meet monthly.

FLTI provides the agenda, notes, facilitation and interpretation for the Nueva Vida Community meetings. The meetings are focused on park needs and skills needed for community governance and meet monthly.

A Civic Education Collaborative group has been established with members from the city, county and local nonprofits to understand what civic engagement and leadership programming is being provided, where the gaps might be and how to work together.

Currently in conversation with La Familia/Mi Voz about a 2025 FLTI civic learning lab.

4. **Farmers' Market:** (Maggie)

Farmers Market wrapped up an amazing 2024 season on October 26

About \$94,000 increase in overall vendor sales + nutrition programs (and counting!) → 1.8 million in overall sales

Final vendor sales data in process

Some pesky vendors missing checkout forms

We successfully navigated the Produce Bonus pilot - one of a handful of markets in the state to implement pilot at farmers market, with 10 of 15 produce vendors participating

2025 goal: 100% of produce vendors participating in pilot

We successfully navigated losing Oak St due to construction without significant dent in sales or attendance

We hosted more than 24 different nonprofit/community groups from the area to be present at the market

24 different/unique musical groups/musicians

Successful monthly special events such as: Pride, National Farmers' Market Week, Soil Health Day and Fall Festival

Maggie currently pivoting to focus on Farm2LocalBiz Event on November 12 with Jess

Maggie taking on more leadership with Market Days for Older Adults program for 2025

5. **Food Safety & Nutrition** (Amber & Analecia)

Retail Food Safety Program-

Over all-

Total Participants- 124 participants / 83% passing rate

12 more participants signed up through end of 2024

1 private CFPM class scheduled

1 Spanish interpreted class- 5 participants looking for more

Vouchers- 66 handed out by Environmental Health Specialists

Redeemed 2, but 12 signed up for class through end of 2024

With 12 more full class spots available

5 FSW vouchers - signed up private class

Family Consumer Sciences Program-

Finished a successful annual series of food preservation classes that were in person (hands-on) and virtual. Classes ran from July -October

Recorded a short webinar entitled "Preserving Foods for County Fair" with the assistance of two Master Food Safety Volunteers and support of Cari Brown. It will be made available on our website.

Currently piloting the "Healthy You" 8 week class series with UC Health Aspen Club members in Windsor.

Attended the National Extension Association of Family Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) annual conference in Tuscon, AZ in mid-September

I've been serving as the Colorado chapter Membership Chair of NEAFCS since 2020

6. **Health & Well-Being:** (Christa & Cheryl)

PRESENTATION

7. **Horticulture:** (Alison)

There were a total of 49 applications for the Master Gardener program and Alison interviewed 15 individuals; of those, 10 were selected as 2025 trainees. There are four transfers entering the program from out-of-state (who will also be taking the Colorado Green School training)

The annual Master Gardener banquet will be held on Saturday, December 14 in the morning - location TBD; advisory board is welcome to attend

Master Gardener training begins November 4 and will continue through the end of March

We are gearing up to celebrate the Colorado Master Gardener 50th anniversary in 2025! The Larimer County program started with two trainees (who commuted to Denver for training) and has grown to 130 volunteers.

Our longest tenured Master Gardener is Susan McGill, who is also the longest-serving volunteer in the state - she has been a CMG since 1979. Read more about Susan and the program [here](#).

Alison will teach at the Rocky Mountain Turfgrass Association Conference and do a wreath-making workshop for Loveland Youth Gardeners in December.

Evergreen Elders completed 10 classes for older adults in 2024 - the last class will be held at Good Sam in Loveland in December.

8. **General/Other** (Cary)

Open Class premiums at County Fair

Communicating volunteer opportunities (Andy)

Newsletter sign-up

Rural engagement update

College & Career/Juntos Program Coordinator position update

Weld Interim responsibilities

Staff Presentation

Health & Well-Being (Christa/Cheryl)

Larimer County Extension Budget

1. Health Presentation

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Future Agenda Items

Officer elections

Other suggestions?

Next Meeting Scheduled / Adjourn

1/1/2025: 8:00am - 10:00am

Need to reschedule

Adjourn

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