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Date: Wednesday, November 03, 2021
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

Join Zoom Meeting to be let into the waiting room

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Call To Order

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes for Approval 9/1/2021

Discussion

4-H

Members: Katie, Pam, Diane, Toby and Bailey

Horticulture and Farmers' Market

Members: Alison

The market season ended on October 30 and was the most successful in its 46 year history. Despite early restrictions, we were able to operate "normally" for the majority of the season. Highlights included having all three Commissioners do story time, the Chicken Olympics, Market Days!, and both increased attendance and increased overall gross sales for the vendors. Look for the annual report before the end of the year.

Market Days! for Older Adults (Cheryl Noble, coordinator) was able to provide produce (purchased from market farmers) to 446 low income older adults in Larimer County...a total of 1,447 bags!

The Larimer County Grow & Give project, which encourages people to grow and donate produce to those in need, has topped over 6,500 pounds of donations. Participants could decide where to donate, including food banks and pantries, places of worship, or neighbors in need. Exact numbers will be shared on social media.

It was a very long, warm fall with the first hard frost happening in mid-October. It has been very dry, so efforts to encourage people to keep watering their trees and shrubs is on-going. Well-watered woody plants tend to suffer less from winter damage and dieback.

Master Gardener applications closed on October 22; all applicants will be interviewed in November by Alison and current Master Gardener volunteers. Training begins in January 2022.

The Master Gardeners will be recognized with a virtual banquet (date TBD). Advisory Board members, Extension staff, and Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Food & Nutrition

Members: Amber

Amber has wrapped up the seasonal hands-on food preservation classes. The classes were sold out and have generated lots of excitement for future classes.

In an especially successful partnership with AARP, Amber taught a High Altitude Baking Seminar to an enthusiastic audience of 226 people!

Amber completed the financial literacy program series pilot called MoneySmart in partnership with the Larimer County Human Services department. This program is an additional offering to the supportive services model offered by HS. The next round of class offerings are in the works.

Ag & Natural Resources

Members: Karen

Native Plant Master Program - Celebration luncheon with the instructors at Avo's Number. Each instructor received a thank you gift card for their time and commitment to the program. Four courses and 4 classes were held in 2021.

Radon awareness - Collaborated with the City of Fort Collins to hold two radon classes in September. Both classes were advertised and presented in English and Spanish through a translator. 60 participants attended and received a free radon test kit to test their home.

Radon awareness for 2022 - Received a grant from CDPHE for \$2,790 to conduct radon programs in 2022.

Fall Stewardship for Small Acreages speaker series - Hosted four webinars in September on topics relevant to small acreage landowners: pasture management; fall weed management; wildlife damage and protecting livestock; and forest stewardship. 71 participated in one or more of the webinars. The recorded presentations were sent to all who registered for the speaker series.

Conducted 8 site visits in September through mid-October. With the weather changing, site visits should slow down. Site visits included pasture management, weed ID and management, native plant ID, and defensible space.

Community Development

Members: Sue and Lisa

Sue and Lisa (along with two community partners) launched the Mindfulness for Community Leaders in September. This is a 9 week program for FLTI alumni that covers topics including Foundations of Mindfulness, Interpersonal Connection, Trauma Resilience and Appreciation of Culture. There are 15 participants and we use the language-justice model so that interpretation is provided for Spanish speakers. The group meets every other week via Zoom and is provided a self-study curriculum for the alternate weeks. All materials are provided in both English and Spanish.

Sue submitted a Bohemian Fund proposal (\$30,000) in Sept. to implement a new Health Navigator program for Market Days! in which a part-time navigator would meet with 60 low-income older adult participants in Market Days! to provide support and resources in three areas: social isolation, food insecurity, and resource access. The pilot project would run from Jan - Dec. 2022 and would receive evaluation support from Human Development and Family Studies.

Cheryl and Sue partnered with the City of Fort Collins in a grant application to AARP for mobile home park events on Oct. 8 & 15 to support residents, ages 55+. Funds were provided to LCE for over 240 bags of fresh produce to be distributed to residents and the LCE office along with Senior Access Points Ambassadors staffed a table at the events and shared resources for older adults.

Senior Access Points (Sue & Cheryl) partnered with KRFC in a grant application to the NextFifty Initiative to promote local aging-related initiatives and programs. As a result of this funding, SAP is featured on their new KRFC Community Hub for

healthy aging resources and is the October Healthy Aging Partner of the Month: <https://www.krfcfm.org/healthy-aging-resources/>

Lisa and Katie attended the Juntos 4-H training and will have the first community input and stakeholder meetings in winter/spring 2022 with the hopes of implementing the family engagement piece in Fall 2022.

Lisa sits on the Local Foods Local Places Steering committee and attended a workshop October 18th & 19th that focused on creating economic mobility options, creating a resilient food security system, and activating and growing the local food economy for residents along the North College corridor.

FLTI continues to support the community engagement effort through The Larimer Recovery Collaborative with outreach to understand what COVID-19 impacts our community has experienced and where pandemic recovery resources (ARPA funding) should go.

Staff Presentation:

Katie Daywaker & Bailey Schilling: 4-H Agents

4-H

- Motto - To Make the Best Better
- Slogan- Learn By Doing
- Guiding our programming choices

Enrollment

- Past year's numbers & influences

2019-2020 4-H Year

4-H Members - 981
4-H Members Completed - 867
88% Member Completion
4-H Leaders - 326
4-H Leaders Completed - 324
99% Leaders Completion
of Projects 2,099
of Projects Completed - 1,767
84% Project Completion

2020-2021 4-H Year

4-H Members - 789
4-H Members Completed - 683
87% Member Completion
4-H Leaders - 262
4-H Leaders Completed - 256
98% Leader Completion
of Projects - 1,636
of Projects Completed - 1,323
81% Project Completion

- Marketing & outreach this year

Open House this year - pictures from Cari

Turnout - 71 families, 120 youth

- Highlight 33 clubs, dropped 3 clubs this year, two leaders interested in potentially starting new clubs

Experiential learning model

- How we are incorporating into our workshops
- Youth/leader interactions, senior members supporting young members
- How we are coaching our leaders to incorporate that into their programming at the club level (annual leader training)

Programming highlights this past year

- Cloverbud program
- Cooking Camp
- FCS/General workshops held - leader recruitment
- Juntos Program - training
- Livestock Species-specific workshops
- MQA
- Virtual Livestock Field Day
- Review animal numbers
- Member support

Other Partnerships

- Bailey - livestock partnerships & how they benefit our programs

County & state Fair Review

- Attendance/participation #s

Static projects: 449 projects submitted, 310 Exhibitors

Fashion revue: 21 exhibitors

Model Rocketry Fly Day: 20 Exhibitors

Shows

- Dog Show: 118 Entries
- Livestock shows

County Shoots: 246 entries

- Livestock transition recap

How it impacted livestock role/work with youth

- Evolution of relationship with The Ranch

Highlights, brief overview of challenges, how we're working together for smoother partnership next year

County & State Contests from the past year

- Cake decorating
- Creative cooks
- Speech contest
- Livestock judging
- Shooting sports
- Livestock quiz bowl
- Horse bowl

Goals for the coming year

- Increase enrollment
- Identify opportunities for improvement in quality of programming
 - Stronger STEM connections
 - Make progress toward consistent support & hands-on educational opportunities across all projects
 - Begin rebuilding & strengthening leadership program
- Increase & strengthen connections to higher education & future career opportunities
- Launch Juntos Program

Future Vision

- Higher retention rate for members & leaders
 - Current retention rate to reference as baseline?
- Increased enrollment
- Increased engagement across members & leaders
- 4-H is known for its strong connections to higher education & future career opportunities
- Strong leadership program across clubs, projects, & county
- Strong consistent educational support & opportunities across all projects
- 4-H membership & leadership represents our county's demographics
 - One component - Strong Juntos program

PowerPoint Presentation

Discussion

Larimer County Farmers Market location options for the future

Market Days! Fundraiser

Showcase for 2021 - review Showcase video from 2020 here:

- <https://youtu.be/pd9rTY4Grm8>

Farmers Market Location Matrix

Powerhouse Proposal

Other Business

Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?

Next Meeting Scheduled

1/5/2022: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn