

Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

March 6, 2019 8am – 10am

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- 3. AGENDA REVIEW:
- 4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
- 5. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
- a) Extension Advisory Board members and recruitment! Applications due 4/21/19, please help spread the word!
- b) Upcoming Larimer Extension classes and programs
- c) **4-H**: (Megan, Pam, Diane and Toby)
 - o Livestock Agent position to be posted soon, hiring a 4-H student hourly assistant
 - Dairy judging team was successful at nationals in Wisconsin (4th place!) and now invited to International Judging Tour in Scotland and Ireland! See their story on Denver 7 News at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RSrLOODvJ0
 - Two mandatory leader meetings were held to review new policies and procedures
 - o 4-H Foundation Carnival a success!
- d) **Horticulture** (Alison & Emily):
 - o New Farmer's Market hours are 9am-1pm for 2019 season!
 - o The 2019 Master Gardener training will wrap up with orientation on Friday, April 12. There are 10 new Apprentices and one transfer from Seattle, WA.
 - The Dig in to Backyard Gardening workshop was a great success on Saturday,
 March 2 at the Ranch. There were 105 total registrants. The workshop was hosted
 by Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Weld, and Larimer County Extension.
 - A new series, "NoCo Garden Boot Camp" will start on March 11, and run for three consecutive weeks. This series is focused on the new gardener or Colorado newcomer. Classes are held Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm at Northern Water in Berthoud. All classes will be taught by Alison. Cost is \$15. Register at berthoudbootcamp.eventbrite.com. A second series will be taught in Wellington later this spring (location and dates TBD).

 Interviews for the State Master Gardener Coordinator were held on Monday, March 4. Two candidates were interviewed. The hope is to have the new state coordinator in place by summer.

e) Food & Nutrition (Edie, Amanda, Theresa)

 Certified Food Protection Manager exams are popular and being offered almost every week!

f) **Ag & NR** (Karen):

- Radon received a grant from Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment for radon programming in 2019 and to provide free test kits to participants. Held six programs for homeowners and two for day care facilities. Educated 198 homeowners/day care facility employees to date.
- Native Plant Master (NPM) Program Accepting applications for 2019 courses and classes. Three NPM courses will be held at Lory State Park, Red Mountain Open Space and Pineridge Natural Area. One grass identification class at Arapahoe Bend Natural Area, and two keying/terminology classes. Application deadline is March 29.
- Establishment of a pollinator habitat at Poudre Valley REA solar farm at the Larimer County Landfill. We identified four sites to seed with native wildflowers and grasses. A total of 1.7 acres will be seeded on March 13, with two sites outside of panels and two under panels. This will be an ongoing project to track the success of seeding a disturbed area with native plants.
- LC Ag Advisory Board Presentation to County Commissioners on Rural Health Crisis: The Opioid and Suicide Crisis.

g) Community Development (Sue & Lisa):

- FLTI class launched in January, FLTI partnerships and funding are also looking good!
- GRANDcares launches its next two-generation program (Powerful Tools for Caregivers – Grandfamilies and GRANDcares Youth Club) on March 27. The program will run through May 8. Send grandfamilies raising their grandchildren our way!
- Senior Access Points is building on its urban outreach while expanding into rural areas. Let us know if your organization, club, HOA, etc. would benefit from a presentation about accessing local aging-related resources. Refer people to our website: LarimerSeniors.org. We have magnets and rack cards that you can share.

6. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

- Farmer's Market and Fair Open Class presentation (25 mins) Emily
- Showcase review (15 minutes) Kathy
 - o What went well, what didn't, what would we change for next year?
- Community Assessment update (15 minutes) Kerri
- Bylaws review (30 minutes) Kerri See attached draft with changes accepted.
- Budget (25 minutes) Kerri -2017 and 2018 Actuals, 2019 budgeted

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: May 1 at 8am – 10am