

Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

September 2, 2020
8am – 10am virtually via Zoom
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Present: [Matt Halloran](#), [Kathy Mason](#), [Amber Webb](#), [Regan Thomas](#), [Kara Rudnick](#), [Van, Pilar Jorgensen](#), [Kerri Rollins](#), [Irene Romsa](#), [Fred McClanahan](#), [Richard Tingey](#), [Pam Harold](#), [Maia Potts](#), [Marilyn Lasich](#)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

- a. New Advisory Board members: Kara Rudnick Marilyn Lasich and Nathan Hall
- b. Staff - Katie Daywalker, 4-H Youth and Leadership Development Agent

[Orientation for the three new advisory board members has been done.](#)

[Fred is retiring. There is a congratulatory party for him Friday, September 11th, 1-5pm.](#)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

4. AGENDA REVIEW:

5. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: [Approved](#)

6. STAFF PRESENTATION:

7. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)

- a) Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)
- b) Fred's retirement outdoor open house – complete with full PPE will be on 9/11 130-430. Fred's replacement has been hired, Andy Weakland, and starts on 9/8.
- c) The Ranch Master Plan, 4-H Livestock and Animal Teaching Facility Architectural Committee –
- d) Kerri and Amber interim transition update - [for a 9 month period while they search for permanent Regional Directors. Estimate is that Kerri will spend 40% of her time as interim Regional Director](#)
- e) COVID updates –
- f) **4-H:** (Brittani, Katie, Pam, Diane and Toby)
 - County Fair update later in agenda ● [Berthoud Surveyor Article about County Fair:](#) ● [RH article about Pam and her role at County Fair:](#)
- g) **Horticulture and Farmers' Market** (Alison & Emily):
 - Amy Lentz (Weld Co.), Larimer and Weld Counties offered three tree walks in Loveland, Windsor, and Greeley for Master Gardener volunteers. Groups were kept to 10 people total. Each walk covered approximately 40 trees in two hours! ● The National Master Gardener Coordinator Conference will be held virtually September 14-17. Alison will be presenting a poster with John Murgel (Douglas County) on "Master Gardener Virtual Diagnostic Scavenger Hunts". These "hunts" are issued every six weeks and Master Gardeners can complete them for volunteer hours. The hunts include a variety of questions around identification of plants, weeds, insects, and disease, and other timely horticulture issues. ● The Larimer County Grow & Give program has donated over **1,400 pounds** of produce since May. Grow & Give is a statewide effort to encourage people to grow a little more and donate extra produce to those in need. There are 58 Larimer County residents registered for the program. ● In conjunction with Grow & Give, three talented Master Gardener Apprentices (Cyndi, Julie, and Mary Pat) have organized drop-off locations to make it easier for people to donate produce. These drop-off sites are hosted by Master Gardeners throughout Larimer County. Drop-offs take place on Mondays with donations on Tuesday. It has been a great success! ● Farmers' market sales have been slightly lower than average due to COVID-19, but better than projected. SNAP sales have been higher this season with many new customers coming to use this program.
- h) **Food & Nutrition** (Amanda & Amber)
 - Amber received a grant from Larimer County Human Services for \$6,100 for a partnership effort with HS and Community Corrections to provide

multiple services including healthy cooking and nutrition, work certifications, gardening, etc. to offenders leaving the Community Corrections program within 90 days.

i) Ag & Natural Resources (Karen):

● Site visits and questions around small acreage management have slowed, not even the weeds are growing. ● US Drought Monitor Map: Larimer County is in severe drought, along with ~50% of the State. In contrast, on July 7 Larimer County was not in a drought. ● Basics of Managing Dryland Pastures – Presentation with 31 attending webinar. Will hold a follow-up presentation on understanding grasses in October. ● Cameron Peak Fire – Several of us from the office assisted Larimer County Office of Emergency Management in issuing credentials to residents in the mandatory evacuation area. ● LC Cameron Peak fire Disaster Assistance Center will be held virtually. In response, I compiled resources from CSU Extension and other sources to assist landowners post-fire. Topic areas included family/home, food/water, livestock, pets, health/medical, and landscapes. ● Submitted a grant to CDPHE for radon outreach for the 2020-2021 year. ● In preparation for Ballot Proposition 107 on wolf introduction in Colorado, posted weekly wolf information sheets which were part of CSUE *People and Predator Series* <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/predator/wolf-info-sheets.pdf>

j) Community Development (Sue & Lisa):

● Market Days Report (May – August 2020) and Senior Access Points Report (Jan – June 2020) are available for updates on project activities and outcomes. (see reports in shared folder) ● FLTI 2020 cohort will be finishing up virtually with 20 of the 22 participants returning. With funds reallocated from food and transportation costs we have purchased 5 Chromebooks for a FLTI tech library to remove any technological barriers for participants to continue the class virtually. Classes resume with session 9 on September 3rd. ● With funds from the Colorado Foodshed Project we have been able to produce a Larimer County Farmers' market/double up food bucks video tour. Link for the tour: <https://youtu.be/3ktxtlxQXeo>

8. DISCUSSION:

a) County Fair 2020 <https://larimer.extension.colostate.edu/larimer-county-fair/> ● Update on what happened [Fair was a success given the restrictions that had to be in place. Families and children were grateful to be able to show their projects. Live streaming the events was a very popular piece of the Fair.](#) ● Transitions for next year Extension will focus efforts on education rather than running the events and the logistics necessary to run them. Ranch staff will take over the responsibility of running events. They will also assume the responsibility of running the 4-H office. A thought looking toward next year is to do some meet and greets so that 4-H families can meet the Ranch staff that will be running events. The Fair Board's role will not change from what they do now (and what is in their bylaws).

This will be a big change. Volunteers who have become familiar with their roles, will have an adjustment to make working with Ranch staff. The Ranch will also take over Open Class. A suggestion to have Pam available to Ranch staff so that her knowledge is passed on and 4-H families feel more comfortable with the transition knowing Pam is available as a resource.

- b) Community Assessment update and discussion ● Overview of the process See Kerri's presentation in the shared drive ● Headway made by staff Developed a working Office Mission and Vision ● What to expect next Hold charrets to verify data, Prioritize, Align and allocate org resources. Expect work will be done by end of October. Final document will be release and posted by end of 2020
- c) Showcase subcommittee report –subcommittee of Regan, Matt, Maia and Kathy ● See subcommittee notes in folder for discussion. Consider including more videos rather than a bunch of PowerPoints. An idea to make it more interested.and unique is to set the room up as a Farmers' Market with the various tables. Will schedule another meeting for subcommittee in the next few weeks.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share?
Other items?

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: November 4, 8am –
10am