



**LARIMER COUNTY**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

## Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

May 6, 2020  
8am – 10am virtually via Zoom\*

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\*If you are a member of the public and are interested in attending this meeting please register by emailing Fred McClanahan (email above) for a link to the virtual meeting.

### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
3. AGENDA REVIEW:
4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Sue Ballou & Susan Bonsall for their years of dedication to Extension the Extension Advisory Committee
6. STAFF PRESENTATION:
  - a) Alison and Emily – Farmers’ Market and Horticulture program highlights
7. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
  - a) Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)
  - b) Hiring for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Extension statewide video being shown to CSU Extension search committees to impress the importance of diversity and inclusion in the hiring process– featuring our very own Pam and Irene! <https://vimeo.com/386561935>
  - c) COVID updates – plans are being made to return to work, potentially begin some programming. Much depends on guidance from CSU and state and local authorities.
  - d) Mask making – The Extension team pulled together with volunteers to make 1200 cloth face masks for the Community Corrections department, and another 100+ for Human Resources. Thanks to Paula Petroff for coordinating that tremendous effort!
  - e) **4-H:** (Brittani, Pam, Diane and Toby)
    - o Youth Development & Leadership position update
    - o Toby developed a couple of online STEM [videos](#)
    - o AmeriCorps team is working on producing an online, interactive STEM trivia game

- Brittani & Kerri, along with the The Ranch staff, held a work session on 5/4 with County Commissioners to discuss various considerations of the 2020 County Fair
- f) **Horticulture and Farmers' Market** (Alison & Emily):
  - Horticulture
    - All horticulture programming has moved online.
    - CMGs are encouraged to find innovative/creative ways to complete hours.
    - CSU has launched the statewide Grow & Give initiative.
    - CMGs are still available to answer questions via email.
    - Since mid-March, we have answered hundreds of questions and hundreds have also attended our online classes.
    - Opening Day of the farmers' market is May 23, 9am to 1pm, 200 W. Oak St. (Larimer County Courthouse parking lot)
- g) **Food & Nutrition** (Amanda & Amber)
  - Amanda, Sue and Amber are assisting with the rural food pantry in Red Feather Lakes through food safety and nutrition, as well as applying for and receiving grant funds.
- h) **Ag & Natural Resources** (Karen):
  - Sadly, we had to cancel a Native Plant Master course at Lory State Park, but I am hopeful to hold two classes and the Red Mountain Open Space course yet this summer.
  - Cancelled two radon awareness programs that were to take place the end of March.
  - People continue to be out on their small acreages. I received 34 emails, calls or Ask an Expert in April with questions relating to management.
  - Zoom meetings, lots of Zoom meetings!
- i) **Community Development** (Sue & Lisa):
  - The first of FLTI Democracy in Action Virtual Conversations was held 4/13 with Attorney General Phil Weiser . Here is the [link](#). If you only have a moment to watch, forward to 45:30 to see Gail Engel speak on the behalf of grandparents raising grandchildren.
  - Senior Access Points team is continuing to maintain COVID updates on SAP website and conducting outreach to our community to connect older adults with aging resources. Please go to [LarimerSeniors.org](http://LarimerSeniors.org)
  - Sue is working on a grant proposal to support the adaptation of Market Days! for Older Adults to address social distancing this summer. Will include distribution of produce rather than encouraging older adults to visit Farmers' Market.
- j) **Health and Wellness**
  - Sue has adapted her weekly wellness classes to a zoom format and made them available to the general public.
  - Sue developed a 3-part video series/mini-classes to support mental wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak. Series will be distributed statewide through Extension and posted on [LarimerExtension.org](http://LarimerExtension.org).

## 8. DISCUSSION:

- a) Community Assessment update and discussion – Kerri

- a. IRISS draft final report is in and staff are making edits
  - b. Kickoff of the planning phase – Dave Koons and Mike Murphree
- b) Extension 2019 budget overview
- a. Review of budget pie charts
  - b. Discuss COVID impacts for 2020
9. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?
10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: July 1, 8am – 10am