

Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

July 1, 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. STAFF PRESENTATION: Sue Schneider, Health and Wellbeing update
- 6. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
- a) Upcoming Larimer Extension classes and programs
- b) COVID updates working from home, waiver requests for site visits, CSU can now follow local health guidelines; one staff helping out Human Services Dept with call backlog
- c) We have several new board member applications so can expect to see new board members at the September meeting
- d) **4-H**: (Brittani, Pam, Diane and Toby)
 - Youth Development & Leadership position update: Katie Daywalker has accepted the position and wills tart on August 10th. Special thanks to Matt for helping out on the hiring committee!
 - Working on County Fair
- e) Horticulture and Farmers' Market (Alison & Emily):
 - Larimer and Weld Counties just completed a six-week virtual gardening series via Zoom that started in May. Topics included perennials, home food preservation, turf management, and container gardening. We had an average of 250 people register for the classes. Classes were taught by Alison, Amy Lentz (Weld Co), Tony Koski (campus), and Amber Webb (Larimer Co). All recorded classes are

available at <u>http://csuhort.blogspot.com/p/csu-extension-spring-gardening-webinars.html</u>. We plan to offer another series starting in late summer/fall.

- Site visits have resumed and Alison has done eight so far, with several others scheduled. The site visits are for both turfgrass, "native" turf areas (conversion), and landscape assessments. Most are for HOAs.
- To date, the Larimer County CMGs have answered 278 gardening questions in May and June alone. There has been a surge in interest in gardening. Many thanks to Bill and Mary Monroe, Karen Hallberg, Khursheed Mama, Paula Mann, Janet Vetter, Sally Dunphy, and Julie Roth-Carter for volunteering!
- The Colorado Grow & Give project has 52 participants in Larimer County. The goal of this "modern victory garden" is to grow food to donate to local food banks and pantries. Statewide, over 950 pounds of produce have been donated! You can still sign up, if you think you'll have extra produce to donate this season: https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3t6sYiPJeyASYf3
- LCFM: There has been an average of 1,500 customers per week. We are moving into Phase 2 of the market, which means reorganizing the market layout. Vendors will be spaced 6 feet apart and masks and gloves are still required. Early peaches have arrived.
- f) Food & Nutrition (Amanda & Amber)
 - Amber has been offering virtual food preservation classes and creating partnerships to reach new audiences
- g) Ag & Natural Resources (Karen):
 - Conducting site visits for small acreages
 - Disseminating fact sheets from CSU on wolf reintroduction questions in preparation of the ballot measure coming up in November

h) Community Development (Sue & Lisa):

 FLTI will be holding the next Democracy in Action call on Monday, July 6th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. We will be talking affordable housing needs in Colorado, including racial disparities in access to affordable housing, housing-related impacts of COVID-19, and housing related legislation that passed in the Colorado 2020 Legislative Session.

If you would like to attend you can register at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/July6DiARegistration</u>

7. DISCUSSION:

- a) County Fair 2020
 - General and FCS Projects Embassy Suites
 - Livestock Projects The Ranch
 - County Shoot
- b) Community Assessment update and discussion
 - a. Staff retreat on June 19th
 - b. Timeline review
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?
- 9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: September 2, 8am 10am