



LARIMER COUNTY
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Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

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8am – 10am virtually via Zoom*

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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
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
4. AGENDA REVIEW:
5. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
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
 - e) COVID updates –
 - f) **4-H**: (Brittani, Katie, Pam, Diane and Toby)
 - o County Fair update later in agenda
 - o [Berthoud Surveyor Article about County Fair](#):
 - o [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
 - Transitions for next year
- b) Community Assessment update and discussion
 - Overview of the process
 - Headway made by staff
 - What to expect next
- c) Showcase subcommittee report –subcommittee of Regan, Matt, Maia and Kathy
 - See subcommittee notes in folder for discussion

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

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