

Larimer County Extension Advisory Committee Minutes July 10, 2019

Members present: Sue Ballou, Maia Potts, Pilar Jorgensen, Regan Thomas, Pam Harrold, Kerri Rollins, Fred McClanahan, Jr. & Kathy Mason

Excused: Irene Romsa, Susan Bonsall, Matt Holloran, and Rhonda Koski

Guests: Dixie Dick and Harry Love

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

The minutes of the May 1 meeting were approved.

Introductions were made.

Volunteer Recognition

Three individuals who served on the Extension Advisory were recognized for their years of service.

Dixie Dick – 12 years

Ronda Koski – 9 years

Harry Love – 6 years

We thank you for all the years you devoted to serving on this committee.

Program Highlights

4-H:

- Livestock Agent position filled. Brittani Kirkland will start in September 3.
- The first class of MY PI (Preparedness Initiative) graduated 11 members ages 13-19 in June. This was a partnership with State 4-H, Fort Collins, Poudre Fire Authority, and Larimer County.

Horticulture:

- Tomato trials, landscape project at The Ranch, and lot of continuing education!

Food & Nutrition:

- Theresa Servin, our EFNEP coordinator, has moved on to another position within Larimer County.

Ag & Natural Resources

- Native Plant Master Program – A successful 2019! All courses have been completed. There were 63 individuals who went through three courses at Red Mountain Open Space, Lory State Park and Pineridge Natural Area; a special grass class and two keying and terminology classes.

- A busy spring and summer. Received 127 Ag and Natural Resources questions either through phone calls, e-mails, office visits or Ask an Expert.

Community Development:

- Congrats to the 2019 FLTI class that graduated in June, and to the Civic Design Team who helped them get there!

Agent Report

Sue Schneider, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Science, Community Development, gave a report to the committee on the Health & Wellbeing programs provided by Larimer County Extension. See the attached power point presentation.

Community Assessment

- Working with IRISS - Institute for Research in the Social Sciences at CSU
- Where are we in the process (This slide is in the July 10, 2019 shared drive)
- IRISS staff will be starting interviews with key stakeholders
- This is very much a work in progress, refining and adapting as we go along.

Extension Booth at County Fair

- The booth will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during Fair.
- There will be a monitor with a continuous loop presentation about Extension.
- Handouts for Extension programs will be available.
- Also there will be a scavenger hunt and coloring station for children.

Bylaws final review

- See attached draft in Drive with changes from last meeting.
- ACTION: The committee recommends to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the final by-laws and submit to the County attorney for a final review.

Extension Video

- Pam Harrold and Irene Romsa are meeting with a CSU videographer to shoot a video regarding diversity inclusion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 8am – 10am, Larimer County Extension Office

Submitted by: Fred McClanahan, Jr.