

Larimer County Extension Advisory Committee Minutes
November 6, 2019

Members present: Sue Ballou, Pam Harrold, Matt Holloran, Regan Thomas, Susan Bonsall, County Commissioner John Kefalas, Fred McClanahan, Jr., Lisa Auer, Kerri Rollins & Kathy Mason

Excused: Richard Tingey, Irene Romsa, Pilar Jorgensen, Mia Potts

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

The minutes of the September 4 meeting were approved.

Staff Report

Lisa Auer gave reports on Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) and GrandCares programs. PowerPoint is in meeting file.

Program Highlights

* Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)

* Board of Commissioners appreciation dinner for Boards and Commissions was held October 23, thanks to all able to attend. It was a fun night!

* Eagles hockey tickets and the Larimer County Suite at The Ranch on 12/18 at 7pm

4-H: (Brittani, Pam, Diane and Toby)

* 4-H Youth Development Agent Megan Blaser has moved on to another position. We wish Megan all the best!

* There were 3,827 4-H entries at the 2019 Fair. Overall, horse and some livestock numbers were down because of the VS virus.

Horticulture and Farmers' Market (Alison & Emily):

Horticulture:

* 21 individuals applied for the Colorado Master Gardener program; interviews are happening in November

* The CMG program is accepting three (3) transfers from out-of-state programs to join our volunteers

* Emerald ash borer was confirmed in Larimer County in September 2019—just over the county border, about 3 miles west of Berthoud; Alison will be doing multiple presentations throughout Larimer County to help educate homeowners and HOAs about this invasive insect

* Alison has worked with multiple HOAs the past summer to help assist them with decisions about landscape water use, including converting areas to alternative turf species or waterwise plant material, and investing in better irrigation technology

Larimer County Farmers' Market:

* Sales are up by 18% from last year

* We had a total of 107 vendors sell at the market in 2019: 25 produce, 10 Baked Goods, 7 Beverages, 27 Crafts, 1 Dairy, 5 Flowers/Starts, 5 Meat, 5 Multiple, and 22 Specialty foods

* The market is bringing on an intern while Emily is on maternity leave (Jan.-Mar.)

Food & Nutrition (Amanda)

* Our FCS Agent position is posted and applications are due November 21

Ag & Natural Resources (Karen):

*Received another CDPHE grant to run the radon program this year, perhaps offering it in Spanish

Community Development (Sue & Lisa):

*Two Senior Access Points articles were accepted for publication in the Journal of Extension. They are in press and will be shared electronically once published.

*Check out the new video for program Market Days! for Older Adults:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jjkHtJplok&feature=youtu.be>

*Sue has been invited to present on Market Days! at the National AARP conference in Denver next week (11/13)

* The next Senior Access Points Ambassador training will be held on Dec. 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Larimer County Loveland Campus. Please spread the word!

DISCUSSION:

- Community Assessment update and discussion – Kerri
- Qualitative information handout (draft)
- Quantitative survey timeline
- Community Deliberation event – February
- Showcase (January 16, 2020) – Review draft agenda and invite list – Kathy

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 8am – 10am, Larimer County Extension Office

Submitted by Fred McClanahan, Jr.