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**Extension Advisory Committee Meeting**  
1525 Blue Spruce Drive

May 9, 2018  
8am – 10am

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
3. AGENDA REVIEW:
4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
5. INFORMATION ITEMS:
  - a) Google Training – thanks to all who were able to attend Google training! I hope it was valuable. We will start posting items out there for your review (ie board by laws)
  - b) Extension Advisory Board appointments – applications will be accepted through 5/20 at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards) so please recruit any potential new board members. Final appointment decisions will be made June 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Extension building possible move to The Ranch – committees are forming and will meet monthly through 2018 and possibly beyond to begin the design phase
  - d) Granted a free CSU summer intern to help with communications and market analysis – thanks to Sue for writing the proposal! Madison Tatum will start on 5/23.
  - e) 4-H Updates:
    - o Creative Cooks Contest – 11 youth participants 5/5/18
    - o Cake Decorating Contest – 63 youth participants 5/7/18
    - o 2 New Family Orientations Hosted- Over 30 people attended
    - o Cloverbuds Workshop on Gardening- 10 youth participated. Master Gardeners taught the workshop
    - o Enough funding from the Foundation and Junior Leadership Club is resulting in a FREE State Conference for 14-18 year olds. Registration is open now!

- f) Community development update:
- The Senior Access Points pilot program is wrapping up in June. This was a 6-month pilot in which trained SAP Ambassador volunteers have been conducting county-wide outreach and education on aging-related resources. Data will be compiled in July on the reach of the pilot. Stay tuned for findings! If you haven't visited our SAP website, please go to: [www.senioraccesslarimer.colostate.edu](http://www.senioraccesslarimer.colostate.edu).
  - FLTI 2018 Graduation is on Saturday June 2nd at the Ranch from 2 pm - 4 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. We have 21 adults graduating and 11 youth ages 11-17.
  - On 5/9 we will have completed our first GrandCares youth Club. We have four youth ages 9-12 participate in the youth club from start to finish. It is a club for children who are being raised by their grandparents. This six week session was a pilot for the curriculum.
- g) Hort./ Master Gardeners/Farmers' Market Updates:
- The 2018 Larimer County Farmers' Market ([200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins](http://www.larimerfarmersmarket.com)) opens on Saturday, May 19 to celebrate its 43 season in Old Town; over 90 vendors have been accepted to sell at the market throughout the season
  - Master Gardeners office hours – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – 1pm
  - Eleven Apprentice Master Gardener's and 3 transfers from out-of-state recently completed training in April 2018; there are currently 129 Master Gardener volunteers in Larimer County
  - After a dry winter, gardens are starting to wake up and we're seeing signs of winter desiccation in trees, turf and other plant material. The Tree Team and Lawncheck services are available to help homeowners with their tree and turf problems. To date, I have done three Lawncheck visits and the Tree Team have completed about 10 visits.
  - Emerald ash borer was confirmed in Lyons, just south of Berthoud, but still in Boulder County. Both Alison and Master Gardeners have done several presentations to educate homeowners, HOA and community members about this pest.
- h) Food Safety/Master Food Safety Advisor Volunteer updates:
- Ten new MFSA volunteers completed training in April and will be serving Larimer County and the CSU Extension Front Range Region providing food safety and safe food preservation information to consumers.
  - Master Food Safety Advisor volunteers are on call and available to answer questions and emails Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm and each Saturday morning at the Larimer County Farmers' Market.
  - The 2018 schedule of food preservation workshops is now available on the Larimer County Extension website.
- i) Natural/Agricultural Resources
- The Larimer County Native Plant Master program conducted two indoor classes to help participants accepted into a course understand how to use the keying text for the course. There are four courses being offered this summer at various sites - Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, Lory State Park, Reservoir Ridge Natural Area, and Red Mountain Open Space. In addition, a native grass identification class will be held at the CSU Semi-Arid Grasslands Research Center in Nunn, Colorado.

Space is still available for the Reservoir Ridge Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space course. If you know of anyone interested in participating in a Native Plant Master course, the application is located on our website.

6. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

- Showcase follow up – please review minutes and spreadsheet for ideas/discussion
- Extension Advisory Committee
  - Meeting schedule/times + calendar of events (idea)
  - By Laws (2007), attached and in Team Drive
    - Advisory Committee representation
    - Advisory Committee meetings, meeting times and location
- Proposed Extension planning effort
  - Background and materials/processes/etc needed
  - To what level do we want to plan?

7. ACTION ITEMS: None

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: July 11, 2018 at 8am – 10am