



Joint BCC/CSU Extension Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2017

11 am – 1 pm

Courage Garden

Behind Jefferson County Administrative Building, Southwest side

MINUTES – Approval 7/20/2017

Attending: Board of County Commissioners (Donald Rosier, Libby Szabo, Casey Tighe); CSU Extension Advisory Committee Members (Jean Nelson, Nicole Danti, Nancy McNally, Kym Morrissey, Jane VanderKolk); Master Gardeners (Barbara LaRowe,); 4-H Volunteer Leader, Mitzi Tolman; 4-H AmeriCorps Members (Jayla Richer, Jack Hinchsliff, Clara Ritchie, Jessie Wiechman); Staff members (Kate Newman, Tom Hoby, Jacki Paone, Deborah Churchill, Barbara Fahey, Kim Massey, Patti O’Neal, Mary Snow, Curtis Utley)

Welcome & Introductions were provided by Jacki Paone at 11:10 am. The theme of how each program makes progress toward the CSU Extension Strategic Plan and its three goals was emphasized. Each attendee was asked to introduce themselves, their role and how long they were in that role.

Apple Grafting Demonstration was provided by Curtis Utley, Horticulture Agent. He demonstrated how he teaches the class and then let everyone practice grafting using pens and rubber bands.

Food Safety, Financial Health and more was discussed by Mary Snow, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. Mary explained how food safety for cottage food producers has grown significantly while at the same time there is a need for financial guidance for families with limited income. She also discussed the classes she provides for the District Attorney’s office for those on probation.

A short break was provided for individuals to select lunch sandwiches.

AmeriCorps members shared an activity with individuals at the tables building a paper structure strong enough to support weight. Several strong structures were created!

Developing Life Skills through 4-H was discussed by 4-H leader, Mitzi Tolman. She provided an overview of many of the 4-H projects which help youth develop life skills. She also discussed the benefits of being a 4-H leader and how leaders are supported through training.

Native Plants were discussed by Barbara Fahey, Natural Resources Agent. Barbara pointed out several natives within the garden and how the environment affects their growth.

Pollinators and the Courage Garden were discussed by Patti O’Neal, Horticulture Coordinator. Patti shared information about Pollinator Week activities that would take place in the garden Saturday, June 24, and the importance of sharing information about the benefits of pollinators.

The meeting concluded with brief remarks by Jacki. The conversation was brought back to the Strategic Plan and that much more than what was discussed during this meeting is occurring. Time for questions was provided and participants were encouraged to stop in the Administration Building Atrium to see the High School Art display about pollinators.

Adjourn at 1:00 pm

CSU Extension Jefferson County Strategic Priorities

VISION - We are seen as the front door of the university, regarded as a reliable source of research-based information and a high-quality provider of innovative programs and services that enrich life in Jefferson County.

MISSION - CSU Extension, Jefferson County provides research-based information and innovative services that aid in developing youth, further the local production and consumption of healthy foods, and enhance plant life and natural resources.

STRATEGIC GOALS

BY 2021...

Youth Development: we will broaden the population of youth with life skills that enable them to be contributing citizens by increasing youth participants in Extension programs to 44,000 annually (30% increase from 34,000).

Local Food Production & Healthy Food Consumption: we will increase participation in local production and consumption of healthy foods learning programs to 92,000 annually (30% increase from 70,000).

Volunteer Engagement: we will extend Extension learning experiences throughout the county with trained volunteers engaged in delivering 23,000 hours of educational programs annually (30% increase from 18,000).