COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Regular Session      Cooperative Extension Office
Monday       1418 Armory Drive
June 11, 2012       Charlotte, NC  28204.

I. START SESSION (12:00 Noon)
Call to Order (Chair Roork)

II. INTRODUCTION(s) (12:05 pm)
A. Council Members, Staff and Guests

III. PROGRAM (12:05 pm)
   a. Scott Ewers – Horticulture

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS BY CONSENT
A. March 12, 2012 meeting minutes (12:15 pm)

V. REPORTS (for information only)
A. Cooperative Extension Administrative Update (Furr) (12:20 pm)
   a. Vacant 4-H Positions
   b. Kitchen update
   c. Budget Update

B. Program Reports
   1. 4-H Youth Development
      a. 4-H update (12:30 pm)
   2. Horticulture
      a. Horticulture update (12:40 pm)
   3. Family & Consumer Science
      a. EFNEP update (12:50 pm)
      b. Local Foods update (1:00 pm)

VI. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR ACTION
A. CE Awareness Day (1:10 pm)
   a. October 13; 10am – 2pm
   b. Discussion and plans from program areas and volunteer groups.
   c. Advisory council member assistance
B. Other items from the floor

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE
A. Office Closed – July 4
B. 2012 Cooperative Extension Advisory Council Meeting Schedule
   a. 8/13  10/8  12/10

VIII. ADJOURN (1:30 pm)
Cooperative Extension Advisory Council: Mecklenburg County

March 12, 2012

**Members Present:** Sandy Roork, Joyce Trott, Barbara Looney (state Advisory Council member)
**Staff Present:** Robbie Furr, Sharon Pearson, Scott Ewers, Nicole Sanders, Cynthia McQueen.

Robbie called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Members present introduced themselves.

Cynthia McQueen provided the educational program, highlighting adult EFNEP. She distributed handouts, involved members in a short activity, and incorporated a healthy snack.

Minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved.

**REPORTS:**
County Extension Director Robert Furr provided an Extension Administration update.
1. The spring Cooperative Extension plant sale ended March 2. The sale netted just under $2,000.
2. The vacant 4-H Agent position funded by NCA&T has had the position description written and approved. We expect to advertise in May. Plans are to fill the position in July or August.
3. An architect firm has been contracted to draw up plans for the demonstration kitchen. Once plans are completed and approved, we will move through the permitting process.
4. Our staff will attend the South Central district Cooperative Extension administrative staff meeting on Thursday, March 22 in Moore County. At the meeting, staff from across the district will receive administrative updates from NCSU and NCA&T as well as the program area leaders.

Robbie and Nicole provided 4-H program report.
1. Regional Reachout, Arts & Science Council grant funded STEM program, Teen Retreat, Rec Employment Corp Training, Summer programs
2. Juntos at Hopewell high school, STEM sampler series, Ranson Middle AVID program partnership.

Scott Ewers shared horticulture program highlights
1. EMG training class completed first segment of classroom training in February. Second segment will begin in June.
2. Annual pesticide credit seminar held 2/8. Over 600 attendees. Ours is the largest pesticide event in the state.
3. Beginning March 1, EMG hotline will be “live” Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am until noon.

Sharon Pearson and Cynthia McQueen provided an update on EFNEP.
1. 4-H EFNEP graduated its first high school class from West Charlotte HS. Other schools to be graduating later in the Spring include: Themosboro, Winterfield, Allenbrook, Druid Hills, Walter G Byers, and Nathanial Alexander.
2. Adult EFNEP is continuing programs at Charlotte Culinary School and St. Johns. The Learning Collaborative will begin classes in April.

Kristin Davis provided an FCS update.
1. 10% campaign 2011 year end results: 398 consumers spending $104,935 and 23 business partners spending $34,689.
2. Friends of Agriculture program to network businesses, institutions and individuals that support the local food economy held meetings in January and March. Meetings are popular and will continue.


4. Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less – Shamrock Senior Center and Charlotte Flights Track and Field programs begin in March and April.

5. Food Day 2012 – Planning has begun for the 2012. Instead of one big event, plans are to have many smaller events within the National Food Day week. Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Kristin.

Items to Consider:
Robbie shared with the group that staff met to discuss the proposed Cooperative Extension Awareness Day event. The staff recommended holding the event in the Fall to allow ample planning time. The group decided on Saturday, October 13; 10am until 2pm. Each program area will have ONE highlight program that will be scheduled and publicized in addition to other smaller educational opportunities held throughout the day.

The Cooperative Extension office will be closed April 6 for the holiday.

REMINDER: Our advisory council is the invited guest to attend the April 10 Park and Recreation Commission meeting at Albemarle Road Recreation Center. The meeting begins at 6pm. All council members are encouraged to attend. Robbie will send more details and a reminder via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.