

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL



AGENDA

Regular Session

Monday

August 13, 2012

Cooperative Extension Office

1418 Armory Drive

Charlotte, NC 28204.

- I. START SESSION (12:00 Noon)**
Call to Order (Chair Rook)
- II. INTRODUCTION(s) (12:05 pm)**
 - A. Council Members, Staff and Guests
- III. PROGRAM (12:05 pm)**
 - a. Kristin Davis – Family & Consumer Science
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS BY CONSENT**
 - A. June 11, 2012 meeting minutes (12:15 pm)
- V. REPORTS (for information only)**
 - A. Cooperative Extension Administrative Update (Furr) (12:20 pm)
 - a. 4-H Positions
 - b. Kitchen update
 - c. Budget Update
 - B. Park and Recreation Update (Garges, McRee) (12:30)
 - C. Program Reports
 1. 4-H Youth Development
 - a. 4-H update (12:40 pm)
 2. Horticulture
 - a. Horticulture update (12:50 pm)
 3. Family & Consumer Science
 - a. EFNEP update (1:00 pm)
 - b. Local Foods update (1:10 pm)
- VI. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR ACTION**
 - A. CE Awareness Day; October 13; 10am – 2pm
 - a. Schedule, marketing, volunteers, etc.
 - B. Other items from the floor
- VII. UPCOMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE**
 - A. Office Closed – September 3
 - B. 2012 Cooperative Extension Advisory Council Meeting Schedule
 - a. 10/8 12/10
- VIII. ADJOURN (1:30 pm)**

Cooperative Extension Advisory Council: Mecklenburg County

June 11, 2012

Members Present: Sandy Rook, Joyce Trott, Carrie Winter, Charlie McRee, Barbara Looney (state Advisory Council member)

Staff Present: Robbie Furr, Sharon Pearson, Scott Ewers, Cynthia McQueen, Kristin Davis.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Members present introduced themselves.

Scott Ewers provided the educational program highlighting common home horticulture pests

Minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

County Extension Director Robert Furr provided an Extension Administration update.

1. The vacant 4-H Agent position funded by NCA&T has been advertised. Plans are to fill the position in July or August. Nicole's position has been advertised. Interviews are this Thursday and Friday.
2. Plans are being drawn for kitchen, Will be submitted to permit office in late July, Some equipment and supplies are being purchased now.
3. Cooperative Extension will receive the same budget level as this past fiscal year from county. No cuts! The state budget is being discussed in legislature. No cuts being discussed. Possibility of raises.

Robbie provided 4-H program report.

1. Juntos graduation at Hopewell HS. New Arts & Science Council Grant proposal, Summer camps and programs.

Scott Ewers shared horticulture program highlights

1. EMG second segment of training begins this month. 13 still in the training.
2. Reviewed the Armory Drive demonstration garden plans. Distributed map for discussion.

Sharon Pearson and Cynthia McQueen provided an update on EFNEP.

1. 4-H EFNEP begins summer camp programs next week. Will be in summer camps with CMS, Park and Rec, churches and others. Five to six lessons per day camp.
2. Adult EFNEP is continuing programs at the Learning Collaborative. Statewide Food Lion program starts this summer.

Kristin Davis provided an FCS update.

1. Friends of Agriculture program to network businesses, institutions and individuals that support the local food economy held meetings since January. Meetings are now being held in various locations.
2. 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:

The Cooperative Extension Awareness Day is planned for 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 staff is working in their program areas to provide the highlighted program topic before the next meeting. Major publicity will begin in August.

The Cooperative Extension office will be closed July 4 for the holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.