

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL



AGENDA

Regular Session

Wednesday

August 7, 2013

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 – Local Foods, Family and Consumer Sciences
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS BY CONSENT**
 - A. June 5, 2013 meeting minutes (12:15 pm)
- V. REPORTS (for information only)**
 - A. Cooperative Extension Administrative Update (Davis) (12:20 pm)
 - a. County Extension Director Position
 - b. State Budget Update
 - c. Local Foods Flagship Program
 - d. Extension Restructuring
 - 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. Establish date
 - B. Fresh Expo – October 13, 2013, 9 am – 5pm
- VII. UPCOMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE**
 - A. 2013 Cooperative Extension Advisory Council Meeting Schedule
 - a. 10/2 12/4
- VIII. ADJOURN (1:30 pm)**

Cooperative Extension Advisory Council: Mecklenburg County

June 5, 2013

Members Present: Sandy Rook, Joyce Trott, Iris Chandler, Carrie Winter

Staff Present: Catherine Crocker, Kristin Davis, Cynthia McQueen, Racquel McNeil

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

Racquel McNeil, 4H Agent, provided a short educational presentation on financial management via the Money Game.

Minutes of the April 3rd meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

County Extension Director Robert Furr provided an Extension Administration update.

1. **County Extension Director Position:** Kristin announced that proceedings to post the County Extension Director are underway. The position is scheduled to post in June with potential interview dates occurring in August.
2. **4H EFNEP:** The 4H EFNEP position will not be filled. Plans to provide an intern to complete the fiscal year for 4H EFNEP program were suspended due to budget cuts. There are no plans to reinstate the 4H EFNEP program at this time.
3. **Budget:** Review of potential budget cuts are in process by the BOCC. Park and Recreation anticipates a flat budget; however, there is the potential of a 2-5% budget cut. Kristin will update the Advisory Council regarding any budget changes as they occur.
4. **PRK Commission Meeting:** Kristin invited advisory council members to the next Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. CEAC members will share their experience with Extension and meet commissioners at the meeting, which will occur 6/12 at 6pm.
5. **Kitchen:** Completion of the teaching kitchen is currently suspended due lack of funds. The completion of the kitchen will require \$40,000 to complete upfit and fire retardant system.

Racquel and Catherine provided 4-H program report.

1. 4-H staff assisted with the Annual NC State Firebowl at Victory Christian Center.
2. Staff are preparing for upcoming Teen Congress (June 22-26, 2013 in Raleigh, NC) and summer residential camp (July 28-August 2, 2013 in Columbia, NC).
3. Catherine reported that Joshua Brooks placed second at District Extension Day for his presentation on gun control.
4. CMS 4th and 5th grade teachers will use Health Rocks! curriculum.
5. Racquel provided an overview of Real Colors and potential use for professional development training within Park and Recreation.

Kristin shared horticulture program highlights in Scott's absence:

1. Mecklenburg EMGs have planned 16 'Ask a Master Gardener' Days at area Farmers Markets this year. The "Ask a Master Gardener" offering informal horticulture advice.
2. Mecklenburg EMGs completed the Spring 2013 "Lunch & Learn" series of horticulture talks. Six meetings were held between February and May.
3. One commercial pesticide applicators training was held in March at Smith Turf & Irrigation for area license holders having Ornamental & Turf designation. One private pesticide applicators training was offered at Baucom Nursery.

4. Mecklenburg Park & Rec community garden (CG) plot renewal for 2013 is about 95% complete. Notable changes-- Winget CG is now completely full.
5. Mint Hill has just opened this spring with 25 plots. The garden plots are all assigned and a waiting list has been established.
6. Sandy Rook shared information about the 500 Gardens project led by the Mecklenburg EMGs.

Cynthia McQueen provided an update on EFNEP.

1. Cynthia reported on information gained at the Nutrition Assistant's Multi-State Conference and shared about the launch of the EFNEP Facebook page.

Kristin Davis provided an FCS update.

1. Kristin provided an update report on the NC 10% Local Foods Campaign.
2. FCS program hosted food safety and preservation workshops at the Shamrock Senior Center.
3. New ESMMWL class to start at Levine Senior Center. Community Health Advisor, volunteers of the FCS program will assist with co-facilitation.
4. Sustainable Living Series of workshops are currently underway. Workshops cover topics including beginner gardening, composting, beekeeping and backyard chickens. The series will culminate with home food preservation classes.

Items to Consider:

CE Awareness Day- Members suggested adding food (perhaps via food truck) to the event while utilizing more outside space. Kristin to check on the availability of tents. Cynthia suggested having Sam's Club as a vendor to provide giveaways at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.