



Govanstowne Farmers' Market Advisory Committee

Member Position Description

Purpose: The Govanstowne Farmers' Market season has grown, increased the number of people served, especially those utilizing national, state, and local benefits. Utilizing strengths of market participants and community partners, the Govanstowne Farmers' Market Advisory Committee will continue the trend of positive growth of the market and enhance the threefold mission of eliminating food deserts, supporting local business, and providing a positive space for community building.

Member Responsibilities: Attend quarterly Advisory Committee meetings (4 per year), become an expert on the Govanstowne Farmers' Market, help develop attainable goals for the market and share responsibility with the committee in order to complete goals. If official grievances are filed by vendors or customers, you will have the opportunity to weigh in on the final decision.

Qualifications: Must have personal or professional interest in improving the Govanstowne Farmers' Market. Enthusiasm, willingness to learn and take initiative, and creative thinking is necessary. Knowledge in relation to food access, nutrition, health, farmers' markets, business, marketing, communications, or community development is a plus. Vendors, community residents, business and community partners, and Loyola affiliates are encouraged to participate.

Time Requirements: 4 mutually agreed-upon advisory sessions (about an hour each quarter). Members may choose to take responsibility for tasks to be completed in their personal time. Shared responsibility creates a more powerful team, initiative is encouraged.

Orientation/Training: Each member will receive an orientation at the first Advisory Committee meeting. Questions are encouraged.

Benefits: Making a positive direct influence in the lives of our community: residents who don't have full access to fresh food, farmers and vendors who rely on the farmers' market as a major source of income, and those who come to the market to interact with neighbors from diverse backgrounds; working with a dedicated and passionate staff; leadership training, knowledge/skill-building, and expanding business and community network.

Evaluation and Reporting Procedures: Members will sign-in each quarterly meeting and will report on any time spent completing tasks for the Advisory Committee at this time. Hours will be tracked as in-kind donations to the market.

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