

ACT Board 2023 Annual Report

Annandale Area Community Team (ACT)

There were five ACT Board Meetings in 2023: January 5, April 13, July 20, October 12, and November 9. All were held at City Hall and via Zoom. Conveners were Marlene Young and Laura Hood Beckman.

Officers for the ACT Board remained the same as last year: Judy Grabham as Vice-Chair, Jill Bishop as Secretary, and Marlene Young as Treasurer. Kelly Hinnenkamp served as Coordinating Chair in the absence of anyone stepping up to be Chair. Other Board members at the beginning of the year were Field to Feast Team lead Sandy Holthaus, Laura Hood Beckman, Arts Team lead Emily Schwarzkopf, AFM Manager Corry Bregendahl, Jane Willman, Patti VanDorp, Renee Cardarelle, and Anastacia Schnabel. Three members resigned during the year, Renee Cardarelle, Emily Schwarzkopf, and Anastacia Schnabel. Jane Willman replaced Emily as Arts Team Lead. By year end there were nine board members.

There are currently three active Teams: Field to Feast, Arts, and Discover Downtown (Clock Tower Park and Farmers Market).

FIELD TO FEAST - The annual Field to Feast was held the second year again at the [The Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes](#) on August 26th and 27th with meals catered by Hannah Groth of Any Thyme Catering. There were 22 paid sponsors and 250 meals were served each night.

ARTS TEAM - Summer Concerts in the Park, previously organized by ACT, are now organized by the Community Education Director, Tiffany Grube, with some of the funding provided by the ACT Arts Team.

CLOCK TOWER PARK

There were six pavers ordered that will be installed in the spring of 2024.

ACT partnered with the Annandale Improvement Club and the City on two lighting projects. Uplighting was installed on trees in the City Campus and on the bronze statue in Clock Tower Park. A holiday tree in Clock Tower Park was installed consisting of a flag pole with descending strings of lights forming a tree.

The 8th New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Clock Tower Park was held in mild weather.

FARMERS MARKET – The Market was extremely successful this year with more vendors than ever before, 29 total vendors, an average of 19 vendors each week, and musicians most weeks. Although there were 20 volunteers, the list of responsibilities of the Market Manager is extensive, and Corry is burned out and announced she was stepping down as Market Manager at the end of the season. A special meeting was held to discuss the future of the Market, and while many present volunteered for various roles, by the end there was still no solution to the finding a Market Manager to replace Corry.

BYLAWS REVISION – A revision in the bylaws was adopted changing our quarterly meetings to annual. We will still plan to meet quarterly.

This ACT Annual Report and others since 2016 appear on the ACT website www.annandaleonline.com/ACT but without the financial information and committee members' names.

Jill Bishop
ACT Secretary