

**Burr Gardens Advisory Committee Meeting
March 14, 2013**

Meeting Opened

Present: Laura Fasano, Jeanne Finlay, and Ellen Gould..

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Laura Fasano called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Laura Fasano asked for approval of Minutes from the February 2013 meeting. Jeanne Finlay made a motion to approve, Ellen Gould seconded. The vote 3-0-0.

Community Breakfast Sub Committee Report

No report.

Concerns were discussed regarding the scale of the proposed plans for the community breakfast. Perhaps this event has become bigger than the expected turn out expected. It was discussed that BGAC should re-evaluate our goals and reconsider holding a breakfast at this time. BGAC might be more successful planning a smaller presentation and approaching each community group individually. Groups discussed are: Old Post Road Association, Sasco Hill Neighborhood Association, Junior Women's Club of Fairfield, Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County. The Christmas Tree Festival, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors, Merchants Association and DAR.

Grounds Report

Work for **Phase One** to begin on March 18th. **Laura will contact Ken Placko to make sure the permit has been posted.** Jim Gerrity will stop by early that week. The Fairfield Garden Club is celebrating its 100 anniversary in 2015. It would be a good goal for BGAC to use this date as a deadline for our proposed work. Other important goals would be getting the lawns around the Homestead in shape and trying to get on the Garden Conservancy list so the Homestead would be a destination for garden lovers in surrounding Fairfield County, and enhance the marketability of the Burr Mansion as a venue for events and weddings. **Phase Two** will be to fix up the Tea House. **Jeannie Finlay will ask Mark Finlay to assess the structure and give estimates for renovation.**

Public Relations Committee

No report.

Website Report

Ellen reported that she is still waiting for the town to implement the new website.

Old Business: Fund Raising

Incorporating the plan for individual presentations to local groups and committees, it was proposed that BGAC could ask for underwriting during the presentation. Amounts of \$500 to \$5,000 were discussed, or a group or local business could underwrite an entire phase. Also approach local landscaping firms, tree management and nurseries to donate goods and services. Contacting adjoining neighbors with the presentation might get underwriting interest going as well. **Laura will contact Town Hall and ask for addresses of immediate neighbors for a mailing asking for support.**

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Laura Fasano and was seconded by Ellen Gould at 11:25 am. The Vote: 3-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Finlay, Secretary