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Changing of the Guard

A changing of the guard occurred last week with the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission (GCHPC). The GCHPC made a few news headlines in June with a surprise announcement that its single part-time staff position was eliminated in an 11th hour decision by the Guilford Board of Commissioners. The commission is now staffed by Greg Niles, the Planning & Development Director for the county.

Last week's change was much less dramatic, occurring with regular election of officers, in which E. T. Edwards took over position as Chair. E. T. has a long history with the GCHPC, joining in 2001. Since then he served on numerous ad hoc committees and has been a valuable voice on the commission. His commission term ends in 2009. E. T. replaces yours truly as Chair.

Jerry Nix was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Though Jerry's current term began in 2007, he has served as a commissioner off and on since 1990, including roles as chairman.

The GCHPC was established in 1980 as a joint effort, banding together the governments of Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Gibsonville, with Guilford County. Over the past 27 years, the governmental volunteer group has worked to designate over 85 historic properties throughout the county and every municipality. These properties are subsequently protected from destruction by a demolition delay, and require certification for all physical alterations and repairs.

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