LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Plaza Midwood

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1720 Thomas Avenue

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Site features

APPLICANT/OWNER: Zoe Rives, owner

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Context
The site is a single family parcel with a small front yard (approximately 26’ front porch to sidewalk), single walkway connected to the front steps and shrubs at the foundation.

Proposal
The proposal is partial removal of the walkway at the front steps, installation of pavers across the front and decorative pebbles between the pavers. Some of the concrete walkway panels are damaged. 3 feet of the yard would also be replaced with decorative pebbles.

Policy & Design Guidelines – Landscaping and Yards, page 8.4
6. Do not replace grass in front yards with paving or gravel.

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1. Retain existing historic walkways
6. Repair damaged areas with materials that match the original paving in color, size, texture, and finish. Ensure any new paving material is compatible with the character of the context of the project.

Staff Recommendation
1. The amount of grass to be replaced with decorative pebbles is approximately 3 feet from the existing edge of the mulch bed.
2. The damaged walk could be repaired, but the applicant wishes to create a new design for a portion of the yard.