



SR-1 – OBJECTIVE STAFF REPORT (05-29-2026)

This report, prepared by staff, summarizes the proposed scope of work, the existing conditions at the property, and any factual background information. No PDD/HDC staff analysis/opinion is included.

ADDRESS: 134 ARDEN PARK

MEETING DATE: 06-10-2026

APPLICATION NUMBER: HDC2026-00276

HISTORIC DISTRICT: ARDEN PARK-EAST BOSTON

APPLICANT/OWNER: CARI KEISWETTER

DATE OF PROVISIONALLY COMPLETE APPLICATION: 05/18/2026

DATE(S) OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 05-27-2026

SCOPE PHRASE FOR AGENDA: REPLACE PORCH COLUMN BASES

PUBLIC HEARING PER 21-2-77: NO

SUMMARY OF SCOPE OF WORK:

Based on staff review of the submitted documents, the following work is proposed:

- Replace existing wood bases at front porch columns with new synthetic bases

MISSING INFORMATION, CLARIFICATION, OR OTHER ITEMS RELATING TO A COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK:

- The application description states that the bases will be aluminum, while the submitted cutsheets are for composite/fiberglass bases

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- Erected ca. 1912, the property at 134 Virginia Park is a one-and-one-half story Dutch Colonial Revival style house which faces north towards the street
- Walls are clad in red-brown brick and yellow-painted synthetic siding.
- Windows are wood, double-hung units
- The building features a gambrel roof with a wide, shed-roof dormer at the front façade, a flat roof porte cochere at the east side and a partial width, flat-roof porch at the façade.
- Tall, fluted wood columns are located at the front porch



• 134 Arden Park, facing southwest. HDC staff, 5/28/26



• Detroit Parcel Viewer, 134 Arden Park, outlined in yellow

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The HDC denied an application to demolish the building at their 12/12/2012 regular meeting
- The house suffered a minor fire in 2021
- The HDC denied an application to widen the driveway at the 08/14/2024 regular meeting [134 Arden Park \(08/14/2024\) | City of Detroit](#)

DISTRICT INFORMATION/SIGNIFICANCE:

- The Arden Park-East Boston Historic District was designated in 1981
- The designation report for the district states that “within the Arden Park-East Boston area are some of the city’s most outstanding examples of residential design....The major building styles of the early twentieth century are represented within the Arden Park-East Boston district.”
- The house at 134 Arden Park contributes to the district

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