Architectural Survey Form

DHR ID: 104-5742 Other DHR ID: No Data

Property Information

Property Names

Name Explanation Name

House, 705 12th Street NW Function/Location

Property Evaluation Status

Property Addresses

Current - 705 12th Street NW

County/Independent City(s): Charlottesville (Ind. City)

Incorporated Town(s): No Data 22903 **Zip Code(s): Magisterial District(s):** No Data Tax Parcel(s): No Data

USGS Quad(s): CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

Additional Property Information

Architecture Setting: Urban Acreage: No Data

Site Description:

January 2020: This two-story house is located on a triangular lot on the west side of 12th Street NW, at its dead end north of Rosser Avenue East. It is sited at a higher elevation than the street, with a slight descending slope along the east property line. The south property line is lined with tall trees. Near the southeast corner, there is an ascending concrete stair with a metal railing that leads to a sidewalk that leads to the house. There is a small tree near the center of the front yard and an asphalt driveway that extends from the northeast corner of the lot. The northeast property line is heavily vegetated, and the backyard is surrounded by a tall wood fence. No outbuildings were visible from the public right-of-way. This property consists of a house.

Surveyor Assessment:

January 2020: According to the Charlottesville City Property Records, this house was constructed in 1959 (City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). The house does not appear on Sanborn Maps (Sanborn Map Company 1950). According to aerial photographs, it does not appear that there have been any significant changes to this house since it was constructed (NETR 1968; City of Charlottesville GIS Viewer 2020). This house was built by Reverend Charles H. Brown, who built several houses on this block after building the Holy Temple Church of God the Christ at the corner of 12th Street NW and Rosser Avenue East. According to personal interviews, this house may have been built by 1956 (Brennan 2012:13-14). This house was "recently altered and covered with siding" as of 2012 (Brennan 2012:Figure 47). The siding may have covered up its original concrete block construction, indicated by the surrounding

This property retains good integrity of location. The integrity of setting has been slightly compromised by the multi-family residential development to the north, built by 1968 on previously undeveloped land (NETR 1968). The integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been compromised by replacement windows and siding. This property retains good integrity of feeling and association. Overall, this property retains fair integrity.

This property is recommended as not individually eligible for listing in the NRHP due to a lack of historical significance. Further research is recommended to study Reverend Brown's construction portfolio to determine if the group of buildings he constructed on this block may have historical significance. Additionally, it is located in the potential 10th & Page Historic District, which is recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. Further study is recommended to determine if the 10th & Page Historic District is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A in the areas of Ethnic Heritage, Community Planning and Development, and Social History, and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. This property includes one contributing primary resource.

Surveyor Recommendation: Recommended Not Eligible

Ownership

Ownership Category **Ownership Entity**

Private No Data

Associate

Property Associate Name Property Associate Role Builder

Reverend Charles H. Brown

Primary Resource Information

Resource Category: Domestic **Resource Type:** Single Dwelling

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NR Resource Type: Building **Date of Construction:** 1959

Date Source: Local Records

The New Dominion (1946 - 1991) **Historic Time Period:**

Historic Context(s): Domestic Other ID Number: No Data

Architectural Style: No discernible style

Form: No Data **Number of Stories:** 2.0 **Condition:** Good None Known Threats to Resource:

Architectural Description:

January 2020: This two-story house is clad in about 12 courses of brown stretcher bond brick with aluminum siding above, and has a very shallow mansard roof that is covered in asphalt shingles. Aerial photographs indicate that the footprint is rectangular, except on the north elevation, which is stepped (USGS 2016). The east-facing façade features a partial-width, one-story, open porch with a shed roof. The porch roof is supported by wood Doric columns on a concrete floor. The house footprint steps back to the west. On the north elevation, there is a one-story wing with a shed roof. On the west (rear) elevation, there is another one-story, shed-roofed wing. Visible fenestration includes one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl windows; and a single-leaf wood door with a metal and glass storm door.

Exterior Components

Component Material **Material Treatment**

Porch Structural System and Exterior Treatment

Component Type 1-Story Partial Width Not Visible Wood Aluminum Siding

Windows Double-hung Vinyl No Data Roof Mansard Asphalt No Data

Secondary Resource Information

Historic District Information

Historic District Name: No Data **Local Historic District Name:** No Data **Historic District Significance:** No Data

CRM Events

Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance

Project Review File Number: No Data Investigator: Erin Que

Organization/Company: The 106 Group Ltd.

Photographic Media: Digital **Survey Date:** 2/5/2020 **Dhr Library Report Number:** No Data

Project Staff/Notes:

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Property Notes:

No Data

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