

Hope International University Dormitories

Location: 601 and 651 Titan Drive

1965

Mid-Century Modern

Status: Potential Significant Property



These two dormitory buildings, designed by the architectural firm Walter Beeson and Associates, were built for Cypress Park Properties, soon after that company had the adjacent commercial center constructed in 1964. Each building, two to three-stories in height, is “X”-shaped, consisting of four wings of dorm rooms; a central, outdoor pool area is situated between the two buildings. Built with pre-cast concrete walls and floors, the Mid-Century Modern style of these buildings has similar traits to its adjacent Googie architecture of the former commercial center – in particular, the angled roof lines.

These two dormitory buildings were the first of six planned residence halls to be built on the 50-acre Cypress Park development, but the other four were never constructed. Instead, in 1970, a 10-story office building, also designed by Walter Beeson and Associates, was constructed at the south-east corner of Commonwealth and Nutwood Avenue, with Hunt-Wesson Foods the major tenant.