



STREET/ROAD NAME CHANGE

► **FILE #:** 10-A-21-SNC

AGENDA ITEM #: 6

AGENDA DATE: 10/14/2021

► **APPLICANT:** GWEN MCKENZIE/CITY OF KNOXVILLE

TAX ID NUMBER: 0 N/A

[View map on KGIS](#)

JURISDICTION: City Council District 6

► **CHANGE REQUESTED FROM:** **Burge Ave.**
(present street name)

► **TO:** 'Elston Turner Ave.'
(proposed street name)

► **LOCATION:** Between S. Bell Street and Harriet Tubman Street

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: N/A (within City limits)

ZONING: RN-6 (Multi-Family Residential Neighborhood)

► **APPLICANT'S REASON
FOR CHANGE:**

To honor the accomplishments and contributions of Knoxville, Tennessee native Elston Turner, an NBA 2nd Round Draftee who remains successful and continuously gives back to the Knoxville Community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

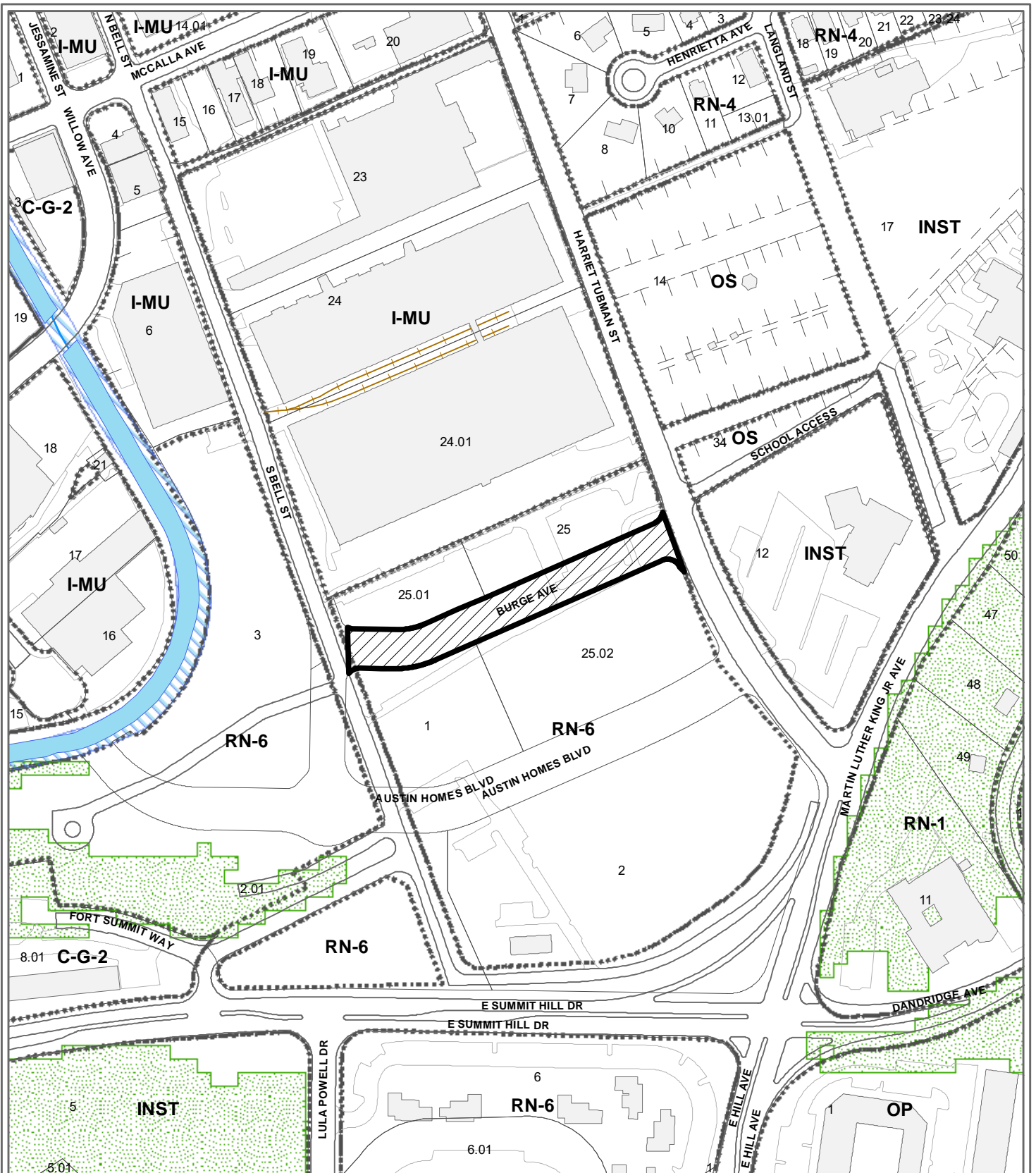
- Approve the street name change of Burge Avenue to Elston Turner Drive since it is not a duplication and meets all requirements of the City of Knoxville Street Naming and Addressing Ordinance.

COMMENTS:

1. The applicant has proposed changing the street name of Burge Avenue to Elston Turner Drive to honor a Knoxville native whose accomplishments and contributions to the community have been exemplary.
2. Burge Avenue has been demolished and is being rebuilt in a slightly different configuration inside the Austin Homes Development (see Exhibit A).
3. Any property using this right-of-way for access will be readdressed with the new street name. Addressing staff has noted that the proposed name change will require roughly 100 address reassignments. However, these addresses correlate to newly constructed apartments that are currently unoccupied, so any needed address changes should not create undue impact for residents. City Inspections may have to revise permits that have already been issued.
4. Addressing staff has approved the proposed street name and all abutting property owners have signed the petition in favor of the change.
5. Staff has received no objections to the renaming of this right-of-way.
6. It meets all requirements of the "Addressing Guidelines and Procedures" section of Knoxville-Knox County's Administrative Rules and Procedures as well as those in the City of Knoxville's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Article IV, Section 23-108.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 11/16/2021 and 11/30/2021. If denied, Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to

Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal a Planning Commission decision in the City.



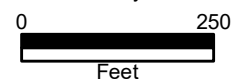
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STREET NAME CHANGE**

Present Street Name: Burge Ave.
 Proposed Street Name: Elston Turner Ave.
 Beginning of Change (From): S. Bell Street
 End of Change (To): Harriet Tubman Street

Original Print Date: 9/9/2021 Revised:
 Knoxville - Knox County Planning Commission * City / County Building * Knoxville, TN 37902

Petitioner: McKenzie, Gwen

Map No: 0
 Jurisdiction: City



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Exhibit A. Contextual Images



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Exhibit A. Contextual Images

Existing Conditions.





400 Main Street
Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902
P: 865.215.2507
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Addressing Department Review and Comments

File #: 10-A-21-SNC

Tax Parcel ID: N/A

Subdivision: Austin Homes Redevelopment

Applicant: Gwen McKenzie

Surveyor:

Company:

Email: gmckenzie@knoxvilletn.gov

Date Submitted: 8/30/21

Review Type: SNC

Unit or Phase:

Phone: 865.438.4551

Office:

Cell:

Fax:

Visit our website: <http://www.knoxplanning.org/addressing> for a list of existing and available street names.

All subdivision and street names must conform to the Knoxville/Knox County Street Uniform Naming and Addressing Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and the Administrative Rules of the Planning Commission.

Proposed and/or Existing Subdivision or Street Names	Results of Review, Corrections, and Comments (date subdivision or street name reserved)	Approved, Pending, Denied, Revise, Note
Elston Turner Drive	OK	Approved
	The proposed name change will require roughly 100 address reassignments.	Note
	It is our understanding the newly constructed apartments are currently unoccupied, so any address changes should not create undue impact,	Note
	City Inspections may have to revise permits already issued	Note

Comments may be modified based on new information from updated plans, field reviews or other agencies.

Andrea Kupfer (865.215.3797) andrea.kupfer@knoxplanning.org	1st Review 9/14/2021	Donna Hill (865.215.3872) donna.hill@knoxplanning.org	2nd Review Sept 17, 2021
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NAME CHANGE REQUEST

CHANGE TYPE

☒ Street Name ☐ Subdivision Name

8/30/2021

October 14, 2021

10-A-21-SNC

Date Filed

Meeting Date

File Numbers(s)

APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

Gwen McKenzie

City Council, 6th District

Name

Company

411 Carta Road

Knoxville

TN

37914

Address

City

State

Zip

865.438.4551

gmckenzie@knoxville.gov

Phone

Email

CHANGE REQUEST

Burge Avenue

Elston Turner Drive

Present Street Name

Proposed Street Name

☒ Public Right-of-Way ☐ Private Right-of-Way

EXACT LOCATION OF STREET:

S Bell Street

Harriet Tubman Street

Beginning (From)

End (To)

Reason for Proposed Change (Attach separate sheet if needed for explanation)

See attached

STREET NAME

SUBDIVISION NAME

Present Subdivision Name

Proposed Subdivision Name

General Location:

Reason for Proposed Change:

CRITERION

Total Number of Property Owners: 4

Minimum Number of Property Owners in Support: 3
(must be at least 75% for application to be accepted)

Percent of Property Owners in Support: 100%

JURISDICTION

City Council 6, County Commission _____

ATTACHMENTS

- ☒ Application Requirements Acknowledgement
☒ Name Change Petition

FEE 1:

\$0.00

FEE 2:

FEE 3:

TOTAL:

\$0.00

AUTHORIZATION


Applicant Signature

Gwen McKenzie
Please Print

8/30/21
Date


Staff Signature

Andrea Kupfer
Please Print

8/30/2021
Date

APPLICATION PROCESS

To request a name change for an existing subdivision or public/private right-of-way within Knox County, the steps below must be followed.

Step 1: Consult with Addressing Department staff for instructions on how to apply for a name change.

Step 2: Submit proposed subdivision or street names in writing to Addressing Department staff for review. Spelling or phonetic duplications are not permitted. Staff must approve the proposed name before the application process can begin.

Step 3: Obtain a name change application from the Addressing Department staff. An original application form initiated by staff must be used.

Step 4: Canvas all affected property owners to obtain their opinion, whether for or against the proposed name change, on the original application form. The applicant is responsible for canvassing all affected property owners. If a property owner cannot be reached, a good faith effort must be made by the applicant to contact them. Planning staff will only accept applications when 75% of abutting property owners are in favor of the proposed name change. The opinions expressed shall be filed with and become a part of the application for a name change.

Step 5: Return the completed application form, name change petition (with original signatures), application requirement acknowledgement and applicable fee to Knoxville-Knox County Planning. The proposed name change is then placed on the Planning Commission meeting agenda.

Step 6: Attend the Planning Commission meeting and other legislative meetings as required by the approval process.

Step 7: If the existing subdivision or street name was identified on a previously recorded subdivision plat, a replat of the subdivision or other document referencing the name change should be recorded with the Knox County Register of Deeds.

FEES

See the Schedule of Fees for the current fee to apply for a subdivision or street name change. The standard application deadline is 32 days before the Planning Commission meeting date (second Thursday of the month). The standard deadline can be extended for one week as per the current approved fee schedule.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Subdivision: Approval is required by the Planning Commission at their monthly meeting.

Public Right-of-Way: Approval is required by the Planning Commission at their monthly meeting. Upon passage, this measure is forwarded for a final vote of approval to the appropriate legislative body, either Knoxville City Council or Knox County Commission.

Private Right-of-Way: If all affected property owners are in favor of the proposed street name, approval by the Planning Commission is not required and a fee is not charged.

If there is opposition to the proposed street name change, the applicant may request a hearing by the Planning Commission. The applicable fee will be charged and the applicant must attend the Planning Commission monthly meeting. If approved by the Planning Commission, no further legislative action is required.

APPEAL PROCESS

City of Knoxville: If the proposed name change was denied by the Planning Commission and is for a location within the City of Knoxville limits, an appeal to the City Council must be filed within 15 days of the date of the decision.

Knox County: If the proposed name change was denied by the Planning Commission and is for a location within Knox County, an appeal to the County Commission must be filed within 30 days of the date of the decision.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information.

Signature: Gwen McKenzie

Printed Name: Gwen McKenzie

Name Change Petition

☒ Street Name ☐ Subdivision Name

Present Name: Burge Avenue

Proposed Name: Elston Turner Drive

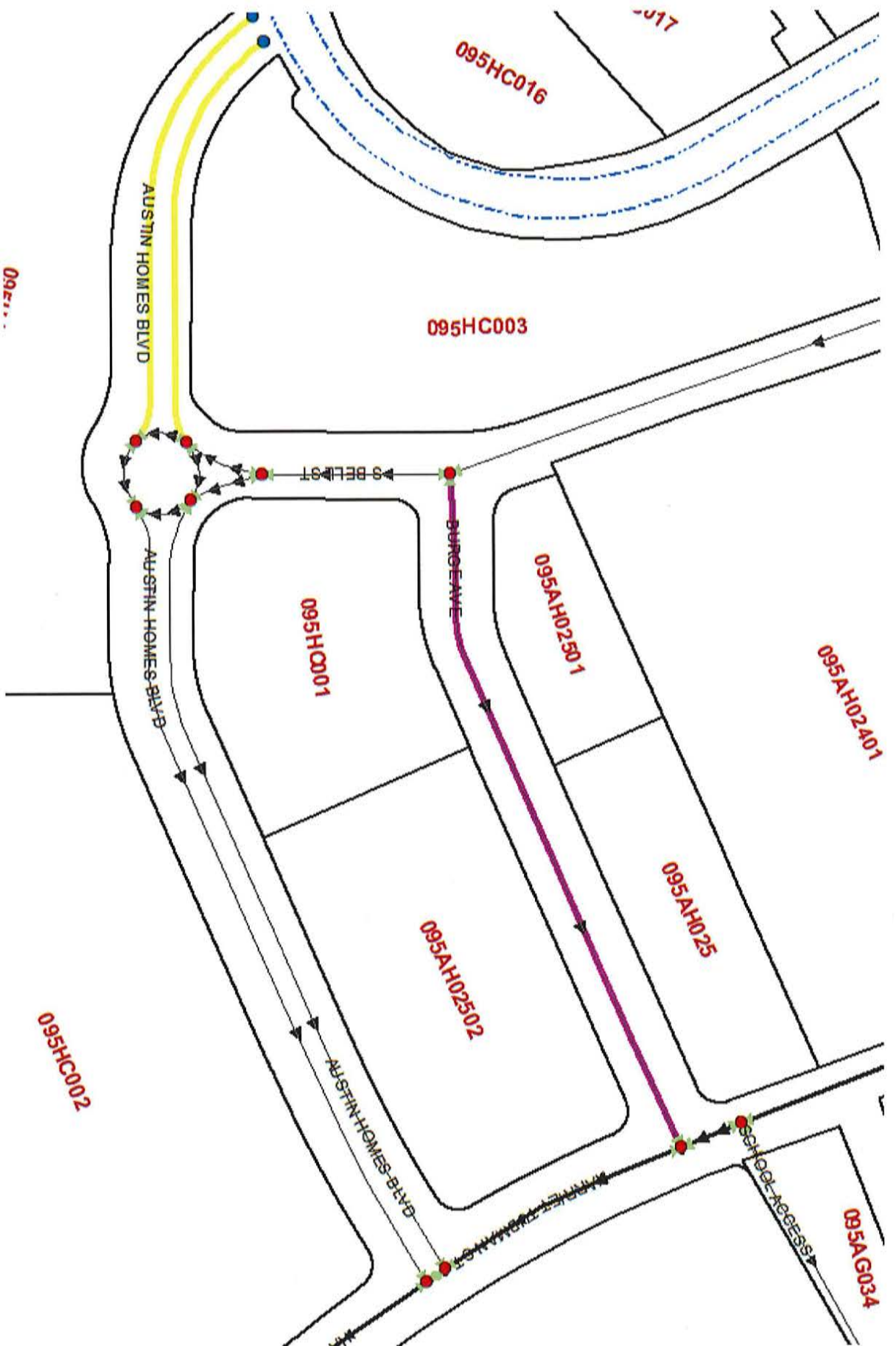
This is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed name change. If the change is approved by the Planning Commission and the appropriate legislative body, legal documents with the existing name may be affected. Each property owner would be responsible for any costs associated with address changes on their driver's license, home or business mailbox numbers, and personal documents.

I support the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE
901 N. Broadway	Benjamin M. Bentley	<i>Ben M Bentley</i>	(865) 403-1116
1249 Burge Ave	Benjamin M Bentley	<i>Ben M Bentley</i>	
1250 Burge Ave	Benjamin M. Bentley	<i>Ben M Bentley</i>	
0 Burge Ave	Benjamin M. Bentley	<i>Ben M Bentley</i>	
0 Bell St.	Benjamin M. Bentley	<i>Ben M Bentley</i>	

I oppose the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE



Proposed Street Name Change
 From: Burge Avenue
 To: Elston Turner Drive

ELSTON TURNER BIO



Elston Turner, an honorable Knoxville, Tennessee native was an NBA 2nd Round Draftee in 1981, and continues to be successful on and off the court. Elston is a 25-year professional basketball coach with decades of successful experience in playing, as well as teaching kids and organizations the importance of education and athletics. *Graduate of Austin East high School*

Elston specializes in defense but his additional job duties include implementing game plans, structuring practices, game and practice film break downs, advance scouting, and one of the most overlooked aspects of professional sports, Team Building and Conflict Resolution.

Elston's Professional Basketball Coaching teams includes:

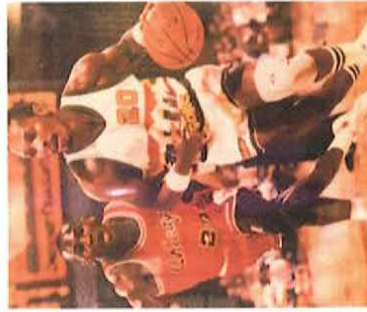
Chicago Rockets
Quad City Thunder
Portland Trail Blazers
Sacramento Kings
Houston Rockets
Phoenix Suns
Memphis Grizzlies

Elston's Professional Basketball Playing teams for 15 years includes:

Dallas Mavericks

Host Elston Turner Summer Basketball camp for inner city Youth for over 40 years at Austin East recently partnered with Emerald Youth 2 years ago to assist with camp.

Denver Nuggets
Chicago Bulls
Rockford Lightning
Saskatchewan (Canada)
Grupo Ifa (Spain)
Scavolini Pesaro (Italy) *Italian
Champion (1990)
Apollon (Greece)
Caracas Cocodrilos (Venezuela)
Wichita Falls Texans



Elston, being the ex-ordinary person he is, is so proud to be from Knoxville where he first received his educational beginning at Mountain View, Green, Vine Jr, and Austin East High School. While in high school, Elston enjoyed participating in the marching band, the school's jazz band and even played his guitar on stage at his class's graduation ceremony.

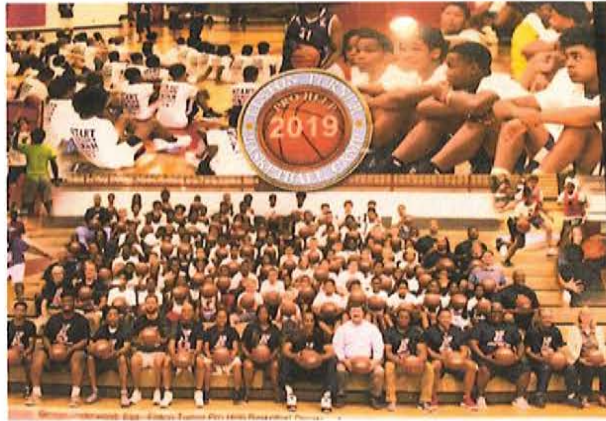
Elston, the Captain and leader of his team help earned his high school basketball team the 1977 AAA State Championship for the Austin East Roadrunners and the City of Knoxville. Elston was named Tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Tennessee State Athlete of the Year for his work.



Elston was inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in August of 1994.

Elston, with the support of several classmates, friends and Emerald Youth Foundation continues to give back to the youth of his city, high school, and the Clifford Ross Foundation.

He has been hosting the Pro-Help Basketball Camp for almost 40 years at his high school Alma mater with the proceeds being donated back to Austin East and to the Clifford Ross Foundation.



Elston graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science in Communication (Radio & Television) and Minor in English. Elston earned the honors into the Ole Miss M-Club for students-athletes while pledging Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and earning his degree at the same time. Elston led his Ole Miss basketball team to the Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship and the school's first ever NCAA Tournament March Madness Appearances.



He was inducted to the University of Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame in September of 2000.

The many charitable services he does secretly has been the contribution of the Austin East High School's new message board on the school premises; donated the football team new helmets; bought a complete basketball backboard with goals for New Friendship Baptist Church; bought camara/video/CD Burner Recording equipment for New Salem Baptist Church; contribution to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN; responsible for Austin Home community children receiving Christmas toys from 1989 – 1992 that included bicycles, footballs, etc. because he remembers he use to play sports in this community and on Wilder Street.

Elston is a Christian who attends Windsor Village Church in Houston, Texas.

In his past time, Elston enjoys live music, riding his motorcycle, building, constructing and fixing things through the hard work ethic that was instilled in him by his father and mother.

Elston, his wife Louise, son Elston Jr., and daughter Taylor resides in Houston, Texas.