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Please provide the following as an Agenda item for the next City Council meeting , April 9, 2024.

Council discussion and action to direct staff to work with Rev. James Mitchell and members of the Union Missionary Baptist Church on a plaque naming all 52 families of the Blackburn Quarters who were re-located to the Grove Terrace Housing Authority in the 1970s.

The Union Missionary Baptist Church is named on the Venice Register of Historic Places and will celebrate its 70th anniversary in April of 2025. The 52 original families and all the Pastors of the Church will be holding a week long reunion April 21-27, 2025. A plaque preserving this part of the history of the Venice African American Community has been a long time wish.

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