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City Seeks Final Input on New Climate Action Plan

Patrick Pelegri-O'Day
 Following more than a year of development, Alameda's draft Climate Action & Resiliency Plan (CARP) is now available for public comment. This plan lays out a roadmap for how Alameda will become more sustainable, continue to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and build resiliency to flooding and other big challenges we face against the threat of climate change.

Alameda's climate-action efforts began in 2008 with the adoption of the Local Action Plan for Climate Protection. This set a goal of reducing Alameda's annual greenhouse gas emissions to 25 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. While we are excited to report that Alameda is on track, having reduced its annual emissions by 23 percent, we must continue to reduce emissions faster and farther.

Most of our greenhouse-gas reductions to date come from changes to the energy supply. Beginning in 2020, Alameda Municipal Power will deliver 100 percent clean electricity to all Alamedans, effectively eliminating the city's emissions from electricity. The remainder of emissions reductions must come from Alamedans getting out of their cars, composting and recycling and improving the energy efficiency of homes and businesses. To achieve the deep cuts we know are necessary, Alamedans must switch the fuel in their vehicles from gasoline to electric and in their building from natural gas to electricity.

New to this plan is an emphasis on resilience. Climate change is already

affecting our community, from the harsh weeks of wildfire smoke last fall to the accelerating rise of the San Francisco Bay. To keep Alameda safe and healthy, these mounting risks must be prepared for. CARP lays out strategies that will help protect Alamedans and adapt the infrastructure to wildfire smoke, extreme heat, drought and flooding.

CARP arose from the community and City Council. Community Action for Sustainable Alameda, an open volunteer group for Climate Protection. This set a goal of reducing Alameda's annual greenhouse gas emissions to 25 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. While we are excited to report that Alameda is on track, having reduced its annual emissions by 23 percent, we must continue to reduce emissions faster and farther.

Alamedans can review the draft plan and provide comments until Friday, May 31, at www.opentownhall.com/7405. For those not ready to read the entire plan, check out the executive summary at www.alamedaca.gov/carp. Better yet, come to the public comment session from 6 to 8 p.m., next Monday, May 20, at the Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave. We look forward to hearing what Alamedans have to say.

Patrick Pelegri-O'Day is the city's climate action coordinator.

Crime Corner

Burglary Affair Nets Three

A burglary suppression operation by Alameda Police Department (APD) detectives, with assistance from Alameda County Sheriff's Transit Crime Unit (TCU) personnel, led to the arrest of three individuals and the confiscation of two loaded firearms on April 30. APD and TCU personnel conducted undercover operations in various locations in Alameda last Tuesday.

The first arrest occurred around 3 p.m., according to a police report. Alameda County Sheriff Department Sgt. Robert Evans said police stopped a vehicle when they saw one of the passengers litter at the intersection of Fifth Street and Willie Stargell Avenue. "One of the other passengers was determined to have two warrants for his arrest," wrote Evans in an email.

The suspect is a minor. He was also in possession of hypodermic needles and confirmed stolen property from San Leandro Home Depot, according to APD Sgt. Wayland Gee. Because the suspect is a minor his court hearing date was withheld. The suspect was taken in by Alameda County Sheriff officers because of his two warrants. He is being held at Glenn Dyer Detention Facility in Oakland.

Detectives then arrested Juwan Millington-Cox at 5:21 p.m. at the intersection of Willie Stargell and Coral Sea Street. Police personnel were stationed in a nearby neighborhood when they discovered another vehicle casing homes. Detectives approached the vehicle. When the occupants were contacted, Millington-Cox, a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm.

Millington-Cox was arrested for multiple crimes including second-degree burglary, being a convicted felon in possession of a concealed weapon, possession of a loaded unregistered firearm and more. He is being held at Santa Rita Jail with no bail. He will have pretrial and parole revocation hearings on May 30 at Rene Davidson Alameda County Courthouse.

The last arrest occurred at 7:56 p.m. on the 2400 block of South Shore Center. While in a shopping area detectives observed Deandre Robinson casing vehicles in the parking lot, according to a report on the APD Facebook page. Police eventually witnessed him break a car window. Officers quickly approached Robinson and after a brief chase,

TCU stopped the vehicle and arrested Robinson.

While searching the vehicle detectives discovered a loaded firearm and established the suspect was driving on a suspended license. Robinson has since been released from jail as of May 10, according to the Alameda County Inmate Locator.

Bank Robber Nabbed

A federal grand jury indicted an Oakland man Tuesday, May 7, on charges stemming from five bank robberies throughout the Bay Area including one in Alameda last November. Duane Kurt Makela is alleged to have stolen \$33,301 in five heists between October 2018 and February 2019, according to the indictment. The indictment stated Makela, 49, "used force, violence and intimidation, to rob a credit union and four banks."

Authorities believe Makela began his robbery spree by at the Meriwether Credit Union in Mountain View on Oct. 19, according to a press release from the Northern District of California U.S. Attorney's Office. During the robbery he allegedly presented a demand note to a teller, which threatened the teller with a gun and demanded money. He displayed a black handgun and stole \$1,100 from the bank. As he left Makela allegedly dropped the note. Authorities were able to retrieve fingerprints from the note which led to his arrest.

Before authorities could arrest Makela he robbed four more banks. He allegedly robbed a Chase Bank in South San Francisco for \$16,930 on Oct. 22. He allegedly robbed the U.S. Bank inside the Safeway at South Shore Center for \$11,500 on Nov. 5. On Dec. 23, Makela allegedly robbed another U.S. Bank inside a Safeway in Castro Valley for \$928. Lastly, he allegedly stole \$2,843 from a Wells Fargo Bank in Palo Alto on Feb. 4.

Makela was arrested on April 23 at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland after his wife gave birth to their second child, according to police reports. He was charged with armed robbery for the first four robberies. He was charged with bank robbery for the last heist. Makela has an extensive criminal history, which includes an armed robbery conviction in 1999.

Makela faces a maximum of 25 years for the armed robberies and 20 years for the bank robbery. Makela's next court appearance is scheduled for May 23 before U.S. District Judge William Orrick in San Francisco.



The City of Alameda had this concept drawing of an intersection along Clement Avenue created to depict the more complete street options available.

City Preps Upgrade for Clement Avenue

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda will host a community workshop to discuss preliminary recommendations for improvements to Clement Avenue Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave. The city looks to address safety and speeding concerns on Clement Avenue between Grand Street and Broadway, while improving walking, bicycling and driving.

In December 2018 the city hired consultant team CDM Smith to provide professional outreach, planning and design services related to developing an improvement concept for Clement given the newly approved Alameda Marina mixed-use development, the Cross Alameda Trail nearing completion at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and construction currently underway west of the Park to Alameda

Point. Clement is considered part of the Cross Alameda Trail, which is a proposed four-mile trail between Seaplane Lagoon at Alameda Point and the Miller Sweeney (Fruitvale) Bridge.

City staff recommends the following safety improvements be completed in 2020 as part of a \$5 million federal grant.

- Remove the railroad tracks and ties buried in the middle of the street

- Provide a two-way bikeway on the estuary side of the street that would be separated from motorists by on-street parking or other barriers

- Extend red painted curbs at intersections and driveways to improve visibility

- Install stop signs on Clement Avenue at Schiller Street and Stanford Street

- Install high-visibility crosswalks and curb bulb-outs

- Improve sidewalks

- Plant street trees

- Provide accessible parking spaces, truck access and loading zones.

The public will have more chances to participate in the discussion besides the Monday, June 3, community workshop. A Transportation Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 24, and a City Council meeting in September will discuss the proposed concepts as well.

For questions or email updates on this project, or to express input via email or phone, contact Gail Payne at 747-6892 or gpayne@alamedaca.gov.

For more information, see the web page www.alamedaca.gov/clement.



Oxen support Oakland temple's baptismal font. These animals symbolize the tribes of Israel and the strength upon which God's work rests.

Saints Temporarily Open Temple

Alamedan is Key Figure in Church of Latter-Day Saints

Dennis Evanosky

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has opened its Oakland temple, 4770 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland, to visitors. This marks a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the public to visit the temple, which is one of seven in California and one of 209 throughout the world. The Church's other California temples are located in Fresno, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Redlands, Sacramento and San Diego. Last October, the Church announced that it will open an eighth California temple in Yuba City.

The Church dedicated the temple in the Oakland hills on Nov. 19, 1964. That year marked the last time the Church opened the temple to visitors. In February 2018, the temple closed for renovations. Now that the temple is ready for its rededication, the Church decided to open it to the public for a short time.

The Church traces its roots to the "Church of Christ," which Joseph Smith organized on April 6, 1830, near Manchester, New York. Smith later changed the name to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints after he stated he had received a revelation to do so.



Alameda resident Jay Pimentel serves as the responsible authority for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' 200 Bay Area congregations.

Longtime Alameda resident, Jay Pimentel is serving as chair of the open houses. He will also chair the Sunday, June 16, temple dedication. A corporate lawyer by profession, Pimentel has been active in the lay ministry of the Church in this area. In the 1980s the Church asked him to lead its congregation in Alameda. Later he received responsibility to oversee the work of the Church in several additional

congregations in Alameda County. He currently serves the Church as the responsible authority for some 200 congregations throughout the Bay Area.

The Pimentels have lived in Alameda since 1979. They attend services at the Church's chapel on the corner of Grand Street and Encinal Avenue.

"A temple is for mid-week worship services. Regular worship services are held every Sunday here in Alameda," Pimentel said.

"The residents of Alameda have the best views of the temple," Pimentel said. "I love that I can see it as a beacon on the hill as I walk near my home here." He recalls that the traffic controllers at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda used the temple as a landing landmark. "Navy pilots included finding the Oakland Temple and then navigating to their landing strip at NAS from there."

The open house runs through Sunday, June 1. To obtain tickets for the free tours visit www.templeopenhouse.lds.org and scroll down to Oakland, California, Temple. There will be no tours on Sunday, May 19, or Sunday, May 26.