

The Community Planners Committee includes one representative of each of the officially recognized planning groups within the City of San Diego. Generally, the designated liaisons to this committee are the Chair/Vice Chair or President/Vice President of each planning group.

Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the city's Metropolitan Operations Center II Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way. The meetings are open to the public.

Recent agenda items have included discussions about the city designating zoning for Continuing Care Retirement Communities in compliance with the state's Cedillo Bill. The Cediollo Bill also requires that the city identify a zone that would allow emergency homeless centers by right. The City of San Diego is proposing to comply with this new state law by having such uses as a separately regulated use.

The CPC has also heard a presentation and provided input into the draft Urban Forest Management Action Plan. The plan includes an overview of the results of a "count" of the tree canopy within the city, including the number of street trees in each planning area. Tierrasanta has 96 miles of streets and 3624 street trees. There are approximately 200,000 trees within the City of San Diego. It is estimated that the city could accommodate more than four times that number. The benefits of having a robust tree canopy has been well documented.

If the TCC is interested we could schedule a presentation on the draft plan and provide input to the plan prior to its adoption by the City Council.

Work is also underway on the Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan that would provide an effective framework to protect, enhance, and restore vernal pool resources within the city while improving and streamlining the environmental permitting process for impacts to threatened and endangered species that are associated with vernal pools.

Tierrasanta is one of about a dozen communities within the city with vernal pools and mesa mint enclaves.

At the April 26th CPC meeting the focus will be on the city's Master Storm Water System Maintenance Program. This is an annual report to the CPC. Do you know where the storm drains empty their flow? Directly into the ocean and Mission Bay and San Diego Bay. Did you know that if you lived in a beach area your streets was swept weekly to comply with stringent state requirements to reduce the flow of debris from city streets into the bays and ocean? Our streets are swept every other month.