Chinatown Green Alley
Community Workshop Summary
I-HOTEL, 848 KEARNY STREET, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013, 4:00PM – 6:00PM

In partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFDPW), the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is planning new green infrastructure and community gathering spaces on Spofford and Ross alleys to enhance the neighborhood and improve our combined sewer system.

Meeting Format
The workshop included a presentation translated into Cantonese and four breakout groups that had a facilitator, translator and note taker. 50 community members attended the workshop. The majority of participants who signed in identified themselves as residents of Chinatown, the alleyways, or members of local community groups and family organizations. Additional in person meetings were facilitated with eight alleyway stakeholders and written feedback was included in the outreach results.

Survey Summary
26 participants provided feedback on alleyway surveys at the workshop and 8 additional local stakeholders completed the survey after the meeting.

In general, the respondents noted they:
- use the alleyways weekly or everyday
- are neutral on whether they find the alleys safe
- notice a lot of litter in the alleyways

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Look and Feel of Project Design
Help the project team design the project to reflect the community’s preferences on specific elements which include Planting, Green Walls, Trees, Paving, Sidewalk Furnishing, Lighting, and Culture. Here are the results:

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Overall, several main themes emerged including:

- creating multiuse and multi-functional community space
- making the alleys more pedestrian oriented
- incorporating cultural elements, lighting and seating for the community into the design
- more nature space in the alleyways that can be maintained by the SFPUC and community partners, with plants that will not be easily stolen and vandalized
- limiting or closing alleys to vehicular access, which should be coordinated with local businesses and residents to ensure their access and needs. Those who want alleyways open, closed or limited were dispersed:

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- differing results regarding whether participants wanted greener alleyways balanced with a higher need for maintenance. Concepts A maximized green space and Concepts B maximized non-living green infrastructure such as colorful permeable paving

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Note: Not all participants who filled out the surveys made a clear vote by checking the box for A or B. Many participants included specific comments that have been captured by the project team.

Community Priorities
Prioritize the project’s additional benefits to help the project team include additional elements wherever possible to reflect the community’s priorities. Here are the results:

1. Pedestrian Improvements
2. Community Space
3. Nature Space
4. Wayfinding
5. Cultural Elements

Next Steps
We are incorporating public input into a final design that will be presented in Spring 2014. When we have a date for the presentation, we will distribute flyers in advance and also send updates by email and post online at sfwater.org/chinatowngreenalley.

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