Oxford and Wayland Planning Meeting Summary

Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting Project

In response to community interest, the SFPUC hosted a community planning workshop directly related to the portion of the Upper Yosemite Creek Daylighting project along Oxford and Wayland Streets between Bacon and Yale Streets. The workshop explored community concerns and opportunities, considered three different creek alignments, and solicited comment on specific elements of the project.

**Concerns and Opportunities:** While discussing the general concerns and positive opportunities of the project, several ideas rose to the top.

**Top Concerns**
- Loss of on-street parking
- Dumping and garbage is current issue
- Overall project maintenance
- Safety and liability

**Top Opportunities**
- New Sidewalk on Wayland Street
- Improved safety from street lights
- Reduced dumping due to extra attention given to the area

**Alignment:** Groups considered three different creek alignment options with the opportunity to mix and match features from each. Each group preferred alignment three, which features:

- Creek alignment set away from the street further inside the park on *Oxford Street*
- No retaining wall and a new sidewalk on *Wayland Street*
- Changing the streets to *one-way* to maintain all on-street parking

![Diagram of creek channel, sidewalk, pathway, re-graded slope, retaining wall, and existing trails.](image-url)
Element Preferences: Each group considered character images for six specific project elements and ranked their preferences for the style and look of the elements. The groups frequently agreed on specific element preferences. Below are the combined preferences of the groups.

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Conclusions: Based on the overall group discussions and presentations several significant themes and preferences emerged. There was significant agreement across many of the options.

Unanimous support:
- Maintain all on-street parking
- Move creek alignment as far into park as possible on Oxford street
- Overall project maintenance is paramount

Important trade-offs:
- No sidewalk on Oxford Street prevents installation of new streetlights on Oxford Street
- No retaining wall and a new sidewalk on Wayland requires one-way conversion

Strong preference:
- **Seating** should be wood to match park and prevent sleeping and skateboard use
- Interior park paths should be decomposed granite that is soft to walk on but not at risk of being vandalized
- **Sidewalks** should be welcoming and colorful to differentiate from park paths
- New streetlights would improve safety
- **Crossings** should be built to last (stone)
- Would rather make streets one-way than have a retaining wall