



## Community Comments

The following is log of all public comments received on the PlanSolvang up to March 1, 2021. The comments are shown verbatim and are organized by the latest comment received. Comments that include profanity and/or vulgar language have been removed.

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<p>The Library is a vital resource for our community. It is imperative that it provide up to date opportunities for all our citizens. Our library is very good, but is far behind other comparable communities, particularly in the area of technology. It is time for a major update. Resources spent on educational opportunities and community activities that our library provide benefit the entire community and help to enrich our lives. I hope that sincere consideration will be given to expanding our library and increasing the benefit to us all.</p>
<p>A vibrant library would serve as an important community hub on so many different levels. I have visited libraries in various parts of the state where the community would not be the same without the space and services provided by the local library. A space for lectures, music, children and teens to study and explore, and most of all a place for the community to come together is needed. Please consider the Solvang Library as part of the General Plan.</p>
<p>Hello! I'd like to suggest in the Solvang General Plan, that a new library be considered as extremely important. It's easy to forget the importance of a library in your day-to-day adult life, but a library is a magical place for a child or youth and helps their imaginations and love for learning increase exponentially. It should also be noted that other "smaller" communities have excelled in creating a welcoming environment with their library that goes beyond "books" and encourages community interaction and adult learning as well. Two such libraries come to mind, Arroyo Grande Library and Valley Center (CA) library. Please consider the value of a community learning space when creating the general plan.</p>
<p>Libraries are needed more so in the technological age as way to keep us more human. Please support a new library.</p>
<p>The Solvang community is in desperate need of an updated public library facility. Our current facility is embarrassingly small. In fact, it is less than ten percent the size of those in comparable communities. Given its tiny size, our library houses only one-fifth the collection of our peers. An updated library could provide not only books, but also educational support for our community's kids, increase access to technology, and a create a meeting place for the public and community groups. It would truly serve the needs of local residents, without compromising any of Solvang's tourist culture.</p>
<p>The Valley prides itself on having solid public schools, yet, in my opinion, its lack of investment in the public library evidences a lack of attention to learning and education for all.</p>
<p>Also, addressing the traffic headed into Solvang from the East would be much appreciated.</p>
<p>Thank you for inviting public comment. Let me know if I can help in any way toward a new library.</p>

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The growth and updating of communities involve tough decisions. But I think the decisions we make about what we value as a community will be judged by these decisions. Let us remember the needs of our tax paying citizens rather than tourist. Everyone uses the library! Let us keep it up to date w our tax dollars!

As the city moves forward with plans for the future, please consider creating a library space that can meet the needs of our community. I fully support the Friends of the Library's vision for a vibrant community hub. Thank you for your consideration.

The Solvang Library is such an asset to our community. It is well overdue for expansion and modernization. The Friends of the Library have plans and studies to vastly improve it in its current location. Please support this fundamental resource for young and old. Thank you.

As a long-term Solvang Library patron and volunteer I would urge the City Council to devote the energy and resources to bring our tiny but mighty library up to speed. At a minimum the space needs to be quadrupled and more computers and materials added to adequately serve our citizens. The quality of a library is a direct reflection on a community and their commitment to literacy and learning I implore you to allocate resources to expand and improve our library facilities that at the present time are woefully below state standards for towns of our size. Thank you!!

Solvang needs a bigger library! Solvang is the most visible town in the Valley and should house the largest collection of books and computer related activities. It is importance to the Santa Ynez High School-so close-should not be denied.

I would love to see our library facilities upgraded and expanded to suit the needs of our community. Our children deserve a bright future, and our Solvang Library could use our attention and support. Thank you! We have loved this town and been here 23 years!

Thank you so much for this opportunity! My husband and I live and work in Solvang and have 3 school-aged children. A few comments that I would like to share:

- HCA is a wonderful park. There is a broken playground near the skate park that I would love to see replaced. I am excited about the Pickleball Courts, and the rumored BMX park. I would love to see more developments at the park and new parks in Solvang.
- I would like to have the net tourist income easily broken out... The Sales and TOT less the money that goes back into those activities to see the direct benefit to residents. I assume that they use the most water, the majority of our maintenance/trash pick up, etc.
- It is important to maintain the historical character and small size of Solvang.
- The library and senior center have struggled for years with their physical size. The City of Buellton has been much more active with their rec, library and senior center.
- I am concerned about the size of the St. George plan.

I'd like to address the tourists over resident's comment. I made it. I acknowledge that these decisions were made by the previous city council. IDK took over the Dec. 2019 Julefest and absolutely ruined our quaint Danish Village! As a resident on 2nd Street, we could not park anywhere on our street for a period of 8 weeks. On several occasions we had to ask people to not block our mailbox and even to not park in our driveway. We spent those 8 weeks picking up trash left by tourists from our sidewalk, driveway, and front lawn. There were Cinderella carriages zooming up and down our streets and a "tacky" laser light show. As horrible as the pandemic has been, we did not have a repeat of 2019 for the 2020 Julefest. Please consider these comments as you plan for 2021.



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*Updated: March 1, 2021*

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Will future meetings be announced on the City website? If it was, I could not find it, sorry. Was an email sent to the list for today's meeting? I missed it. Would you consider posting your ending time for future meetings?

Great community meeting! I look forward to the development of the General Plan and in being a part of plotting Solvang's future.