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**June 27, 2020: City of Solvang, California to Host Community Workshops on Economic Development and Specific Site Development at and near the “Old Lumberyard” and Veterans Memorial Hall, and Solvang Park-Adjacent Parking Lot**

**Solvang, CA** – On Saturday, June 27, 2020, the City of Solvang ([www.CityofSolvang.com](http://www.CityofSolvang.com)) will hold Community Workshops to discuss, and receive input on, economic development and concepts for improvements to the area at and near the “Old Lumberyard” and Veterans Memorial Hall sites, and Solvang Park-adjacent public parking lot. The workshops, which will take place at the Veterans Hall (1745 Mission Drive, in Solvang), will be held as a series of smaller groups on that date, to better accommodate social distancing. The workshops will be staffed by the City and the proposed developer, Ed St. George, who will present updated information regarding the proposed plans and will be available to address attendee questions, comments, suggestions and concerns.

Based on public input received so far, Ed St. George has created alternative, proposed concepts which incorporate the Large Hall of the Veterans Memorial building as a centerpiece. During the June 27 workshops, the public will have an opportunity to review, in sketch form, the alternative concepts and ask questions. Each of the sessions will be held in a structured agenda format and similarly-structured public input by topic, will be recorded utilizing feedback cards. Depending on public input on June 27, additional, future workshops may be scheduled.

“These are the first workshop opportunities for public feedback to the City,” said Solvang Mayor Ryan Toussaint, who continued, “The entire community is the stakeholder for the future of Solvang, and vision of development. As we think about Solvang’s future, we should be mindful of the COVID-19 pandemic imprint on all communities across the globe. Outdoor space and smart development will be important elements to maintain, and continue to evolve, Solvang’s charm which has been built by generations. We very much look forward to public input at this workshop series.”

The June 27, 2020 workshops are not Solvang City Council Meetings, and no decisions will be made during the June 27 series. The workshops are solely for the purpose of continuing to collect feedback from the community with regards to the conceptual development proposal as City Council progresses toward a review, and possible updated concepts for consideration.

The June 27 workshop sessions are scheduled as follows: First Session, 9:00 AM; Second Session, 10:30 AM; Third Session, 12:00 PM. In order to accommodate social distancing due to COVID-19, the workshops are scheduled in these three sessions and the City requests that attendees make a reservation in advance by emailing [CityHall@CityofSolvang.com](mailto:CityHall@CityofSolvang.com), or by calling 805-688-5575. Interested parties should note their session time preference(s) when contacting the City.

Additional information about the June 27 workshops will be posted to the Solvang Resources website: [www.SolvangResources.com](http://www.SolvangResources.com). Questions related to this effort, or anything contained within this press release, may be directed to [media@CityofSolvang.com](mailto:media@CityofSolvang.com).

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