



VOICE EXPERIENCES FLOWER POT SUMMARY REPORT

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
C.K. NEWSOME CENTER**



What VOICE is About

VOICE brings together diverse members of our community in facilitator-led group discussions to draw out and capture everyone's ideas for the future. Together, we'll discuss our hopes and dreams for Evansville in a comfortable, open forum that's fun and inspiring, too. The sessions allow respectful conversations to take place, and all voices to be heard, and every opinion to be documented and shared. VOICE will ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to take part in creating a desired future. Absolutely everyone.

The VOICE Process

VOICE brought together diverse members of the community to discuss their dreams for Evansville in an open, positive forum. The facilitation was led in such a way that respectful conversations occurred, all voices heard and visions documented, ensuring that the entire community had the opportunity to take part in creating a desired future. Through the facilitated process, we compiled all the visions to look for common themes to build collaborative strategic actions.

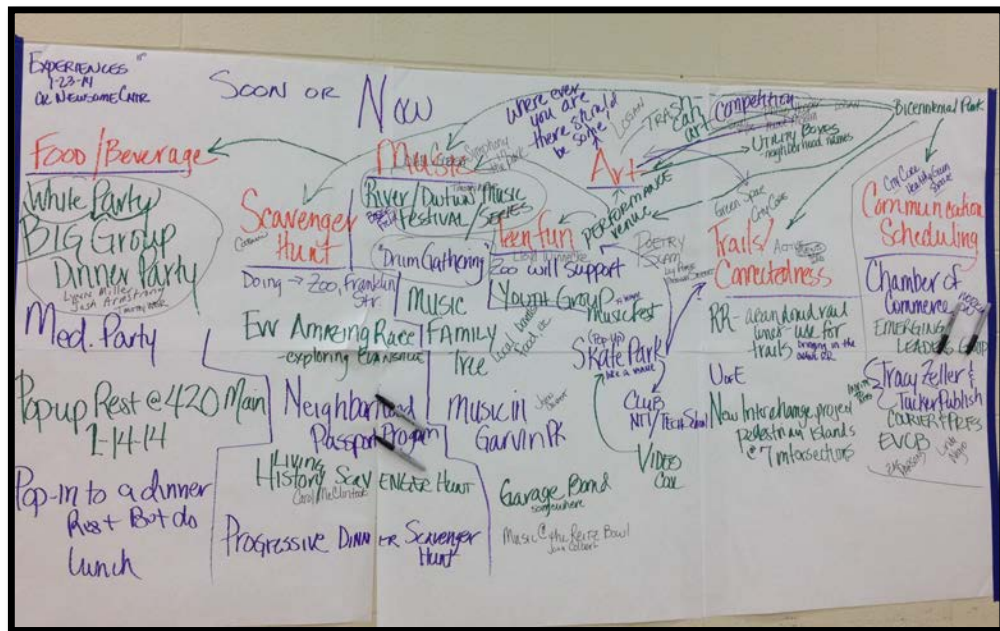
A summary and detailed notes from each session are available to the participants and the public via www.evansvillevoice.com.

Once all visions were collected, additional community sessions, referred to as Big Action Meetings (BAM) were held to verify that the information collected truly represents participants' visions and reveal the top themes that were captured from 32 visioning sessions. These top themes are Healthy Green Space, City Core and Experiences.

Any interested citizen and stakeholder are invited to participate in these themed meetings to move forward with further research and planning toward common goals and strategic actions.



1. **Welcome and Explanation of long-term comprehensive plan and immediate needs/low-hanging fruit**
2. **Main themes in Experiences broken into the pre-determined subthemes from previous VOICE sessions:** food/beverage; scavenger hunts; music; teen fun; art; trails/connectedness; communication/scheduling
3. **Sign up where you will take ownership and/or participate**
4. **Wrap up/ What's next:** Next VOICE meeting will take place in 6-8 weeks. Groups are encouraged to meet independently before the next round of VOICE meetings to bring successes, needs, ideas to the next meeting.



Open Discussion Led by Lead Facilitator- Lynn Miller Pease

The group started with one topic and moved to the next, in no particular order.

1. Food/Beverage

a. White Party

- i. Big group dinner party- like a community picnic where everyone wears a particular color, brings their own food and beverages, tables, blankets, etc...

1. Joshua Armstrong, Lynn Miller Pease, Timothy Weir signed up for this

2. Scavenger Hunts

- a. Franklin Street has done one already- 12 bars of Christmas, which was inspired by previous VOICE Experiences meeting
- b. Evansville Amazing Race- exploring Evansville
- c. Neighborhood Passport Project
- d. Living history scavenger hunt
 - i. Carol McClintock signed up
- e. Progressive dinner scavenger hunt
- f. Overall scavenger hunt sign up: Catherine Cotrupi

3. Music

- a. River/Downtown Music Festival or Series
 - i. Or Bosse Field
 - ii. Symphony in the Park
 - a. Timothy Weir and John Colbert signed up
- b. Drum gathering
- c. Music Family Tree
 - i. Local bands, food, etc...
- d. Music in Garvin park
 - i. John Colbert signed up
- e. Garage bands
- f. Music at the Reitz Bowl
 - i. John Colbert signed up

4. Teen Fun

- i. Mayor Winnecke signed up
- b. Zoo has mentioned supporting
- c. Youth group music fest- like in Ft. Wayne
- d. Pop-up skate park like a venue
 - i. Skate park club at NTI
 - ii. Video tape it
- e. Poetry slams
 - i. Meghan Seibert & Missy Mosby signed up

5. Art

- a. “wherever you are—there should be some”
- b. Trash can art competition
 - i. Philip Hooper, Anne McKim, Scott Wylie, Logan Lane
- c. Utility boxes with neighborhood names/branding
- d. Performance venue

6. Trails/Connectedness

- a. Active events
- b. Abandoned Railroad lines for trails
 - i. UE considering
- c. New interchange project with pedestrian islands at 7 major intersections
 - i. **Mayor Winnecke**
- d. Bicentennial park

7. Communication/Scheduling

- a. Southwest Indiana Chamber working on with emerging leaders group
- b. Invite Tracy Zeller, Courier and Press , Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Tucker Publishing
 - i. Zac Parsons, Linda Negro signed up