



VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Leadership Evansville has facilitated discussion sessions starting on August 15 at easy-to-access public locations, such as Evansville Public Library System branches and Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation schools. The sessions have been advertised in neighborhood newsletters, the newspaper, television, radio and via the initiative's website: www.evansvillevoice.com.

Comments from each session will be available to the participants and the public. A summary and detailed notes will be posted on the VOICE Web site within one week of the session.

Once all comments are collected, additional community sessions will occur to verify that the information collected truly represents participants' opinions.

Then, common themes and ideas will be grouped by topic area to serve guidance for those organizations, businesses, universities, individuals, and government bodies with interest in that topic to move forward with further research and planning toward common goals.



VOICE SESSION SCHEDULE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

THE FLOWER MAN BOOK

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT





LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

THE FLOWER MAN BOOK



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clean city

"One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community."

POSITIVE STATEMENTS

family friendly family friendly helping children passion 80s classroom Lincoln Clark Douglas organization welcoming helping children neighbors help neighbors new homes people being nice potential positive spirit of collaboration new changes mentoring kids diversity people, price, community development

empowering children

ideal of being an all American city opportunity new residential homes in inner city power of dreams eagerness to volunteer positive spirit, bringing people together memorial church, families finding affordable housing, rehab housing future for youth helping others, collaboration helping homeless working together growth of south central-potential advancement of youth paying it forward TSA universities



CREATING EVANSVILLES TOTORE

"In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?"

GROUP 1:

Facilitator: Nicky Tesh

Scribes: Timothy Weir & Carol Pace

Recorder: Stephanie Terry



Carry Forward

Leave Behind

Limits on creative expression

Generation separation

integration of media and freedom of

expression (i.e social networking)

Talents and opportunities bringing

them together Employment

Employment Negativity
Empowerment of diversity Racism

Positive loving families Dysfunctional family relationship

Thinking that one voice cannot create

Gender equity a wave of change

More Jobs for those coming out of

school

Better job opportunities Racism

Diversity Pre- judgment

Prosperity Poverty Sobriety Addiction

Acceptance Discrimination in schools

Culturally diverse marketing Dysfunctional parents and families

Evolution of the mind Closed mind and isms

Lightness The darkness

Togetherness Abuse

Acceptance of gays Gay discrimination

Knowledge ignorance
Better programs for addicts criminality

Better neighborhoods Looking down on those less fortunate

Better days ahead Homeless shelters
Employment Unemployment
An address for everyone Homelessness

Happiness

Accepting parents Homophobia

Empathy Apathy

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"In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?"

GROUP 2:

Facilitator: Phyllip Davis

Scribes: Jenn Schultheis & Je'Warren Coles

Recorder: Denise Johnson-Kincade



Carry Forward

Leave Behind

Level playing field Racism Equal pay sexism hope doubt

devoted, caring parents
youth achievement
positive power of change
better skilled
dead beat parents
academic failure
negativism
lack of education

hope doubt

tight knit community every man for himself

positive city misunderstand of disabilities

equal opportunity racism justice politics

second chances stigma- felons
youth achievement lack of education
camaraderie bad attitudes
vibrant socialization boredom
community development-positive urban decay

peace violence

open mindedness closed mindedness

self control

chocolate diet mt. dew non-homelessness homelessness social justice poverty

teen center

vibrant cultural district

well defined community signage lack

positive self image for youth negative self image for youth

easier recycling illegal dumping love bad attitudes lack of information sharing accessibility

gun control violence & gun issues



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

LARGE GROUP CLOSING

Recap of "What elements have you drawn into your visions of Evansville's Preferred Future?"

Group 1

 every street is clean, houses are nice, people getting along, community center, community garden, technology learning center, church, free community health care, community arts and theatre, child/parent centers, more commerce on the riverfront, more access for center city kids, utopia

Group 2

- more parents accepting their kids and their kids' friends, middle school not seen as disappearing, more diversity, get rid of conformity, no bullying, fresh schools about learning and developing social skills
- people united with emotions, thoughts. Positive, good emotions. Giving everything to the people, music, peace
- travel affordable via airport, human fly travel, more skyscrapers- futuristic architecture, advanced health, opportunities to communicate with others, peace
- intersection in city- diverse, neighborhood schools, people working together, teen center- after school, playground, active youth, parks

Group 3

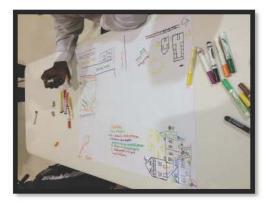
 bike paths going through the city, peace area- center for prisoners to get back into life, housing, teen centers, well developed housing, churches, hospitals, playgrounds, park is the central area in the city, place for entertainment, shopping centers

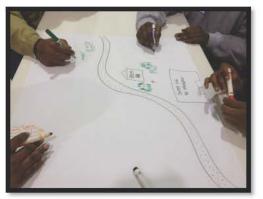
Group 4

 church is the center of the community, everything is connected to the church, senior condos, homes, Popeye's, real estate, banks, park for kids to play, bus to take people around, pool for the kids, memorial academy school, library,

Group 5

- kids, counselors, leadership- improve all resources, less pharmacy, less prescriptions, more faith based programs, more funding for youth programs, coexistence, unity, kill competition, open-mindedness, mentor programs, child care, programs for incarcerated parents, better conditions for homeless, music programs, compassionate teachers, how to grow and eat good food.
- new gateway in the city from Henderson/I69, giant youth center- career resources, performing arts, pool "brain drain reducer" boys and girls club, vibrant culture, blues and jazz club, redevelopment in the south side, attract tourism, pool room,
- · affordable housing, church, diversity, tolerance,
- handicap accessible





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