

VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 EVANSVILLE DAY SCHOOL



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

POSITIVE STATEMENTS

friendship	smile
hopeful	innovative
inspired	passion
inclusive	potential;
enjoyable	epic
giving	mellow
compassionate	caring
fun	capable
diversity	collaboration
accepting	ambition
opportunity	excitement
family	laughter
education	creative
excitement	accepting
bicyclist friendly	close-knit
creative	close-knit
happiness	spacious
green	diverse
potential;	opportunity
lucky	diversity
appreciate	compassionate
hopeful	accepting
believe	energy
	optimistic



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

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Carry Forward

better economy
unique
educational opportunities
friendliness

technology
inclusiveness
new job opportunities
equal opportunity
open-mindedness
acceptance
recycling
cure for cancer
recreation/park opportunities
healthy living
cures for cancer leukemia
treat environment better
improve indoor activities
charities
shelters
exercise
respect
getting to know the person
clean city
focus on healthy living
educational opportunities
school art programs

compassion
hope
open-mindedness
sidewalks

diversity
entrepreneurship
downtown weekend activities
public transport

Leave Behind

foreclosure

bullying
bullying
discrimination
homophobia
separation
exclusion
cultural dominance
racism
trans phobia
bullying
pollution
violence
hunger
homeless
pollution
old run down areas
unhealthy food
homelessness
obesity
homelessness
judgment by image
pollution
self esteem
childhood obesity
alcohol abuse
hate
child abuse
drugs

narrow-mindedness
illiteracy
Islam phobia
traffic

stereotypes

equal education

acceptance

supportiveness

helping each other

combining ideas

charity

ramps = accessibility

helpfulness

wheelchair technology

positivity

opportunities

bus lifts

fitness places for disabled

dull

sectional education

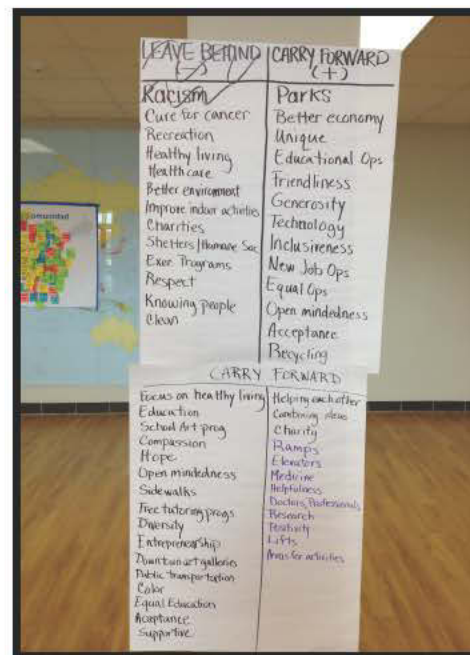
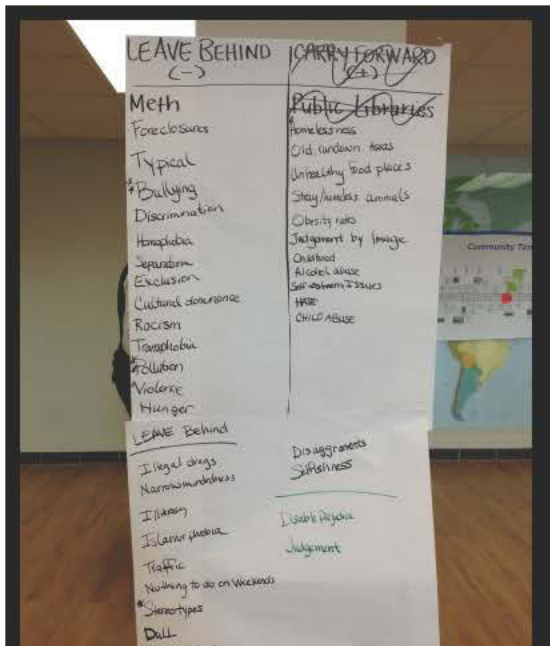
stereotypes

self harm

violence

disagreements

disabled prejudice





LARGE GROUP CLOSING

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

Group 1A

- build up Evansville - inspired by Chicago, multi-use skyscrapers - business, retail, restaurants, living all in one building, buildings that helped clean environments with CO2 scrubbers and rooftop gardens
- legal cannabis industry
- doesn't matter how old you are, how different - city should work together for equality and balance
- all genders, sexuality, diversity accepted, sports and arts to help kids be creative in healthy, productive way

Group 1B

- marathon sugar cane ethanol \$1.29 per gallon, eclectic busses, capture and sell CO2 to coca cola
- vibrant riverfront, opportunities to come together, baseball fields on outskirts,
- diverse people, all part of same community
- be more vibrant and colorful

GROUP 2A

- diversity, thrill ride, magic Inc. - to learn about magic, game show to put strangers together to see if they will be friends
- places to observe and take pictures of nature, centers for teens to get together, people helping other people, people coming from mars with Pres. Obama greeting them, free musical center for practice space
- mass bicycling, focus academics and technology, cancer research center

Group 2B

- hospital, eclectic mix of people where all help each other
- athletic center next to music center - acknowledge how the 2 can coexist, more urbanized downtown
- dog park for better places for them to roam, play and socialize ----- help other people more than ourselves, more charity places
- pond and basketball courts for people to be outside, fishing, playing with each other, more Boys and Girls club for kids to get together to meet and have fun

Group 3A

- anybody can go to FUN WORLD, can be powered by anything, tallest roller coaster in world, virtual reality play center,
- small businesses and industry need to cooperate to make each other more productive, build manufacturing away from small business/service industry, opportunities for music and arts participation
- parks to help us be more active to make us healthier, have places and activities that include disabled people, places for pets to play outside, lots of trees for clean air and provide homes for wildlife, no trash, keep EVV beautiful
- beautiful house with solar panels, incorporate more fuel sources, renewable resources, going green, beautiful city, utilize nature and resources to transform city

Group 3B

- fun area - city for kids inside big building, creative play and career exploration - whole world full of pretend, music center on river for kids who didn't have music programs in school - community arts program, free tutoring center, safe zone to help people who have been abused
- places for whole families with childcare - training for parents in parenting, mentoring, cooking, childcare
- attractiveness exemplified at riverfront, continue to grow it to Newburgh with trails for bikes, outdoor Ferris wheel and other fun identifiers - mini-EPCOT, feature diversity in restaurants and entertainment, more restaurants and activities / destinations along riverfront, boating club - activities on the river

Group 4A

- neighborhoods, houses, churches
- little gas station with cheap gas, workers helping clean up and people respectful of them, safe work spaces, need to be environmentally healthy with construction
- outside areas for recreation, sports, soccer, dog-walking - help people come together

Group 4B

- kids outside, little kids playing afterschool,
- people diverse, dogs and pets treated well, more shelters, appreciate culture and heritage more, bigger attractions
- expand parks and different types of recreation and visiting with others, more socialization
- EDS - not all kids have opportunity to attend EDS - but EVERY school should be a 4-star school, adults need to be mentors, volunteerism needs to increase, education tops

Group 5A

- park that is both people and dog friendly, huge nature trail, plenty of sidewalks in all parts of city, free community college for all adults, increase literacy, opportunities to volunteer, public service,
- downtown Ford Center - continue to bring in people from surrounding areas, have more athletic and sports activities
- modern tall office building, more trees and eco-friendly, good places to walk dogs, sun and clean air, more soccer fields and sports areas
- EDS still here in 2035, diverse cultures, clean energy, bicycles

Group 5B

- downtown very lively with shopping and restaurants, business buildings
- parks to bring people outside, utilize riverfront better with walkway, museum, LST
- riverfront, bigger airport, solar panels downtown, new construction, bigger city

Group 6A

- cleaner air and water, activity center, people use teleports to get around,
- school with hands on learning, everyone loves being at school
- teleporting skateboards and cars, bridge ways, amusement parks, awesome place to , futuristic
- kids outside on green space, lots of dog parks and neighborhood parks with family activity centers, walking distance, teen center for 12-15 year olds, jump on mini sub in subway system, work spaces on commuter trains, family green spaces

Group 6B

- rocket to go to mars, free food for homeless,
- bike paths, walk/skateboard, levitating train system
- playground and toys, bike bus - communal bike machine
- animals have place to play, no stray animals, pet friendly buildings, safer parks for kids

