



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013
MEMORIAL HIGH 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 and strategic actions.



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.”

opportunity
river
creativity
libraries
inclusive
zoo
property values
memorial
chances
buffalo wild wings
education
museums
sports
hospitality

opportunities
river
supportive housing
charities
east side
culture
reitz home
west side
parks
freedom
photography
downtown
airport
talented people

voice

CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

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

Facilitator: Lynn Miller Pease
Scribes: Shawn Norris & Nate Hahn
Recorder: Jeff Gruszewski



Carry Forward

silliness
parks
manufacturing
health
openness
atmosphere
brighter, newer downtown
service
promoting healthy activities
public art
supportive housing
culture
acceptance
political activism
sense of community
collaboration
trees
fun
police department/safety
open mindedness
schools
education
future
new legs
accessibility
hospitals/therapy
job opportunity
helping hands
support for caregivers
hospitality

Leave Behind

boredom
graffiti
dilapidation
obesity
stubbornness
housing volume
old downtown
meth
pollution
public inactivity
homelessness
oppression, closed mindedness
discrimination
antiquated sewer system
segregation
Roberts stadium
mean spiritedness
abuse
intolerance
violence
ignorance
abuse
exclusion
past
wheelchair
discrimination
judgment



LARGE GROUP CLOSING

Recap of “ What elements have you drawn into your visions of Evansville’s Preferred Future?”

Group 1

- downtown added arts district with contemporary art gallery, foreign film theatre , regular theatre, outdoor theatre, musicians café
- speedboats and fish in river
- beautiful houses on river; locally owned restaurants, business district, MWF farmers market, clothing stores, coffee shops, corporate/professional section
- parking garage, court house, small business center, library

GROUP 2

- beautiful houses, different colors, education, good leaders in community, peace love happiness, history
- innovation, LST, sunshine - rainbow - acceptance

Group 3

- renewable resources, house with solar panels, hover car, river
- revitalized downtown with local business, outdoor kind of feel, outdoor shopping center, parks, cleaner
- outdoor approach, wind farms, renewable energy, accessible, parks on river

- flower people, renovating housing, dad is necessary to help renovate and rebuild, need knowledgeable people to pass along skills, construction / renovation skills should be taught and available to young people on free time, baseball field, in LA a guy planted food in abandoned lots - establish community gardens where those who want or need can take

Group 4

- greatest city in world - Evansville, one section is teens having fun - library, 21 and under club, --- other section is nature, animals, nature preserve, transportation between the two
- bridge the divide between east and west side, accessible public transportation can take anybody to a job anywhere at anytime, trains/Amtrak, how to handle population drugs crime in the future ---- provide jobs and access to good transportation



