



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013
MATER DEI 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

voice

CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



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

inclusion
zoo
family
education
African American Museum
development
diversity
friendly
riverfront
clean
mall
colorful
friendly
athletics
giving
expandable
ford center

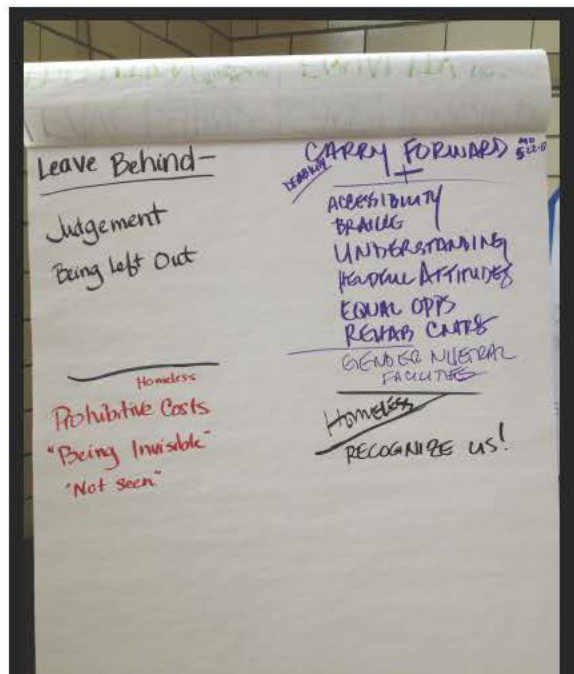
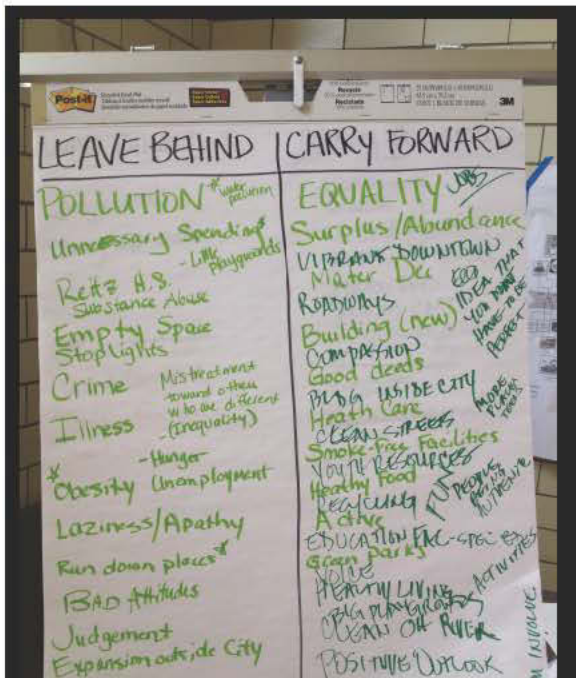
friendly
ford center
diversity
hos[hospitality
fall festival
USI
family oriented
art programs
unity
growth
mater dei
close knit
helpfulness
close
boys & girls club
traditional
cMoe



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

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

Facilitator: Lynn Miller Pease
Scribes: Jenn Schultheis & Julie Moore
Recorder: Jeff Gruszewski



Carry Forward

surplus
mater dei
building new stuff
good deeds
health care
smoke free facilities

healthy foods
more activity
greener parks
promoting healthy living
cleaning ohio river

positive outlooks
vibrant downtown
roadways
compassion
redevelopment
cleaner streets
youth resources programs
recycling
educational facilities
everyone's opinion
community involvement
the idea that you don't have to be perfect
people being themselves/
healthcare
things to do
more things and places to do
job creation
big playgrounds
fun
accessibility
braille/sight assistants
understanding
helpful attitudes
rehab centers
equal opportunity
neutral restrooms for transgendered
free activities

Leave Behind

unnecessary spending
reitz
vacant lots
crime
illness

smoking
obesity
laziness
run down places

obesity
pollution
bad attitudes

run down buildings

judgmental
expansion outside city
litter
substance abuse

mistreatment to those who are different
hunger
unnecessary spending
boredom

unemployment
little playgrounds

judgmental

segregation/non-inclusion

prohibitive costs



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LARGE GROUP CLOSING

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

Group 1

- bigger downtown, livelier, more activities, park with playground
- mall restaurants (the good ones)
- bike trail throughout the city
- natatorium
- sunglasses
- Ferris wheel and roller coaster, church, hospital, clean river

GROUP 2

- nursing home, park, teens that are drug free, no crime, mall, attractions, ford center, restore downtown, bosse field, bigger buildings to attract bigger business
- religious unity, hospital
- river walk expanding, museums, coffee shops, casino, no pollution, better planned communication between county and city

Group 3

- parks and everyone gets along, natatorium, diverse houses, big skyline, bike trail
- churches, mall, gym, ford center banks, businesses, victory theatre, cmoe nails, ice cream shop
- Mater Dei HS

Group 4

- nice park with walkway along river, clean river with fishing, happy sun, clean - happy Evansville
- focus on downtown entertainment and activities
- more businesses, more places to go

Group 5

- kids getting together to have fun in park - park is handicap accessible, houses with big sidewalks. Clean street. Schools with multi-lingual education.
- roadside clean bin to prevent littering
- hospital for healthcare
- park is full - people waiting to get in



