



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
CENTRAL 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.



VOICE SESSION SCHEDULE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

THE FLOWER MAN BOOK

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



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

lots of opportunities

hospitals

play grounds

non profits

museums

religious communities

library

consumer services

schools

homey-feel

community parks

consistent

museums

unchanging

riverfront

low crime

library

safe

schools

clean

community fundraisers

friendly people

activities for kids

diversity

parks

community

pretty

volunteering

decent shops

main street

kids kingdom

fall festival

mall

welcoming

river

community

Central HS

fall festival
community fun
family
safe schools
lots of volunteer opportunities
low crime rate
great police force
beautiful river front
growth of downtown

good education
parks
variety of restaurants
places to hang out for all ages
family-oriented
resources for homeless
nursing homes
hospitals
youth-led programs
close community

fall festival
icemen
public restrooms

public schools
ford center
fall festival
community service opportunities
greenway
UE & USI
fall festival
supportive events

professional sports teams
people
schools
good food
riverfront
friendly people
not violent
good library
team work
fall festival
ford center

community service
Chinese food
los bravos
gatti town



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

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

Facilitator: Lynn Miller Pease
Scribe: James Cox & Brandi Johnston
Recorder: Meghan Seibert



Leave Behind

adult smoking in closed car

violence
bullying
drunk driving
drug abuse
vandalism
profanity
public smoking
texting and driving
drugs
obesity

poverty
child abuse
racism
unemployment
filthy water
shopping
animal abuse
drug use
school drop outs

underage drinking
substance abuse
child abuse
racism
child molestation
stealing
dirtiness
drugs
theft

child abuse

Carry Forward

downtown growth- artisan shops,
small businesses, arts

more involvement
more evening events for teens
great schools
community events
fun
charity
joyfulness
caring
helping
positivity

hope
involvement
being open to new ideas
commitments
optimism
happiness
leadership
inclusive city
patriotism

small town/big city feel
friendliness
downtown
hard work ethic
family-owned businesses
family gatherings
parks
freedom festival
Southside movies

north park businesses and
restaurants

animal abuse
criticizing
bullying
domestic violence
gangs
bullying
racism

growth of downtown
community involvement
friendliness
education
housing
food banks
Jesus

fear
child abuse
divorces
racism
drug abuse
alcohol abuse
racism
addiction
abuse

everyone's' beliefs
loving others
progress
more things for teens to do
better parks
amusement parks
pride in heritage
safe places for teens
higher education

murder
meth labs
obesity
abuse
classism
depression
gangs
child abuse
domestic violence
drugs

business production
healthy standard of living
volunteering
work ethic
development of the arts
school activities
continue historic things
Willard library
love
fun

divorce
racism
teen pregnancy
lost of animals
animal abuse
rudeness
drug abuse
underage clubbing
underage drinking
killing people
homelessness

family
pride in community
friendship
hard work ethic
righteousness
working together
religion acceptance
Keep Evansville Beautiful
fall festival
key club
Evansville ARK

crazy/ drunk driving
abuse
drug abuse
unhealthy eating habits
racism
drug abuse
littering
bullying
empty buildings
drug problems
racism

people who don't have pride in our
city
bullying
meth
drugs
excessive drinking
school/work stress
bullying
negative energy
stubbornness
foul language
drug abuse
racism
littering
neglect
indifference

discrimination
litter
neglectful households

drug abuse
underage drinking
obesity
pollution
texting and driving
bullying
air/water pollution

Race for the Cure
volunteer programs
clothing banks
small businesses
Keep Evansville Beautiful
friendly people
music venues
freedoms
education
sports
youth-led services

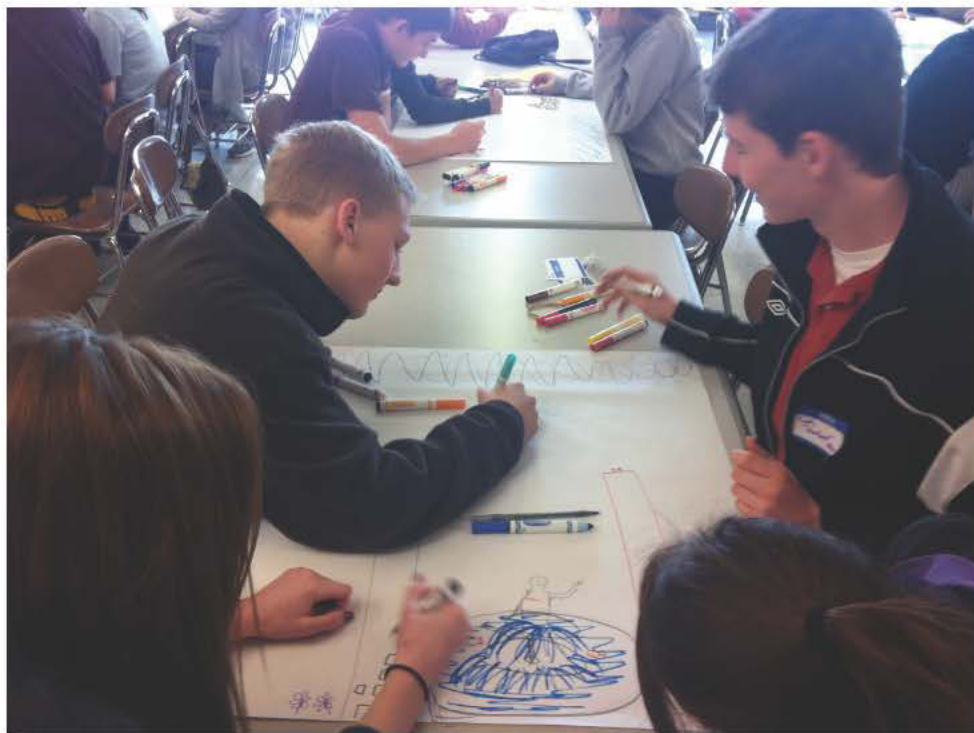
Operation Hot Mess
school/community sports
leadership-building activities
student council
4H
nice people
fun
more things to do
volunteering
cleaner city
less pollution
better education
leadership
honesty
feeling of being safe
awareness of what's going on in the
community
friendship
hospitality

people
charity
healthcare
downtown growth
education



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





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Group 1

- CLEANER CITY, SOLAR PANELS, CLEANER WATER, ATHLETIC FIELDS, AFTERSCHOOL HANGOUT FOR KIDS

Group 2

- CLEAN, SCHOOLS, PETTING ZOO, RIVER IS CLEAN, WATER PARK, ROLLER COASTER, RIDES, TEEN NIGHT CLUB, GROWTH OF DOWNTOWN, TRACK FOR RUNNING AROUND

Group 3

- OUTDOOR CONCERT SPACE, HIPHOP ARTISTS, HIRING STORES DOWNTOWN, PLACES FOR TEENS TO HANG OUT, MUSIC VENUES, SKATEPARK, LAKES

Group 4

- HAPPY PEOPLE, HAPPY COMMUNITY, PLAYING GAMES, FERRIS WHEEL, TACO BELL, STARBUCKS, MCDONALDS, CHEESECAKE FACTORY, MOVIE THEATRE, AIRPLANES, MALL

Group 5

- CLEANER, HAPPIER EVANSVILLE, RECYLCE BINS, ZOO, WATER PARK, SOCCER FIELDS, ART GALLERIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, SCHOOL, SHOPPING CENTER

Group 6

- PLACES TO PLAY SPORTS, MUSIC PARK, PARKS, THINGS TO DO, MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED BUT ECO-FRIENDLY

Group 7

- SCHOOL, KIDS, PLAYGROUNDS, HOMES, HOSPITALS, FLYING CARS, PARKS, MOM WALKING WITH BABY, FRISBEE

Group 8

- PARKS, APPLE ORCHARDS, FOUNTAINS, SMILING PEOPLE, FUN, SOLAR ENERGY

Group 9

- LOTS OF HAPPY PEOPLE, RAINBOWS, FUN, CHURCH, PEOPLE READING THE BIBLE, PEACE, SMOKE FREE, NO GUNS, HATE FREE ZONE

Group 10

- HAPPY, FAITH, FUN PLACE TO HANG OUT, CLEAN

Group 11

- PRETTY CITY, CHEESECAKE FACTORY, MALL, PEOPLE HANGING OUT BY THE RIVER, PEOPLE HAVE MONEY, PETS, SUNNY AND HAPPINESS

Group 12

- CLEAN OHIO RIVER, MORE ANIMALS AT THE ZOO, PETTING ZOO, MORE PLACES FOR TEENS TO HANG OUT, GREAT ARTS DISTRICT, MORE SMALL BUSINESSES, MORE EMPHASIS ON EVANSVILLE RESCUE MISSION, DONUT BANK, MUSIC AND BANDS

Group 13

- BETTER NURSING HOMES, BETTER ELDERLY CARE, BETTER EDUCATION, KIDS ARE EXCITED TO LEARN, TEACHERS HAVE MORE OPTIONS TO MAKE LEARNING FUN, LOCAL WATER PARK, CARNIVAL, CHURCHES, MORE ANIMALS IN THE ZOO, NICE HOSPITALS, NO POLLUTION, MORE BUSINESSES, DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

Group 14

- POOL, AMUSEMENT PARK, NO KILL ANIMAL SHELTER, DOG PARKS, HOMELESS SHELTER, PEOPLE PLAYING WITH THEIR DOGS

Group 15

- FUN ON THE OHIO, LESS POTHOLES, MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT, STOPLIGHT AT 41 AND HILLSDALE, MORE NORTHSIDE DEVELOPMENT- SONIC AND BDUBS, MORE STORES AND RESTAURANTS DOWNTOWN, DRIVE-IN

Group 16

- HOSPITALS, HOMELESS SHELTERS, GROCERY, FOODS, ECO-FRIENDLY, PICK UP LITTER, CAFES

Group 17

- SMILING HAPPY CITY, PLANES, FLOWERS, TREES, DIVERSITY, FISHERMAN, COWS

Group 18

- CLEAN RIVERFRONT, MORE ACTIVITIES, BIKING, BOATING, PETS, SKYDIVING AND BASEJUMPING



