



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012
4 P.M.
UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE**



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 will 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 will facilitate discussion sessions each month 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 will be 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 POSITIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

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



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

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

- LIVELY
- POTENTIAL
- PARKS
- WELCOMING
- FRINDLY
- SPATIOUS
- HISTORY
- GOOD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
- PARKS
- LIBRARIES
- PARKS
- ZOO
- SAFE
- RIVERFRONT
- DIVERSE
- PHILANTHROPIC
- FAMILY FRIENDLY
- TRUSTWORTHY
- VOLUNTEERISM
- WELCOMING
- GREAT TO RAISE KIDS
- HOSPITALITY
- GENEROSITY
- UNIVERSITIES
- SAFETY
- WORK ETHIS
- RIVERFRONT
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- FAMILY ORIENTED
- BIG CITY OPPORTUNITIES
- SMALL CITY WORMTH
- THINKING OUT OF THE BOX



SMALL GROUP 1- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

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

Small group 1 facilitator: Nathan Jochum

Small group 1 scribe: Greg Freyberger & Timothy Weir

Small group 1 recorder: Jeff Gruszewski



Carry Forward	Leave Behind
DIVERSITY	DRUGS
INNOVATION	RETICENCE TO CHANGE
EDUCATION	
OPPORTUNITIES	RACISM
GREAT PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	DELAPIDATED HOUSING
DIVERSITY	NEGATIVITY
	NOT TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE WHO NEED
VOLUNTEERISM	HELP
PARK	TRASH
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	APATHY
TRADITIONS	TRASH
HOPITALITY	DIVICINESS
COMMUNICATION	DIVERSITY
	BARRIERS TO INNOVATION
REHABBING DOWNTOWN	URBAN SPRAWL
WONDERFUL ARTS IN COMMUNITY	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	STOPLIGHTS
	UNEMPLOYMENT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	DILAPIDATED HOUSING
SECURITY	DELINQUENCY
CORPORATE INVESTMENT	DRUGS
OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS	
PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER	CRIME
ZOO	SMOKING
RVERFRONT	
HEALTHY CHILDREN	CHILD ABUSE
HEALTHY LIVING	SMOKING
GREEN TRANSPORTATION	CRIME
SENSE OF HISTORY AND PLACE	UNHEALTHY LIVING
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EXTEMISTS
	BRAIN DRAIN
TREES	MERCILESSNESS
GREAT EDUCATION SYSTEM	
POSITIVE THINKERS	
GREEN PASSAGES	LOW WAGES
	POLITICS
RIVERFRONT	EXTREMISTS
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS	PERSONAL AGENDAS
FUNDRAISING	ABUSE OF POWER
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS	DRUGS
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	BILLBOARDS
	GANGS
	DRUGS

HOME OWNERSHIP
EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO CREATE
STRONG RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT
MORE FLIGHTS
HEALTHY BABIES
ARTS
DANCING
SPORTING EVENTS
STRONG RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
ATTRACT BUSINESS
GLOBAL AWARENESS

BARIERS TO ACCESS CAPITAL
DIVERSITY
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE
RACISM
FEAR OF UNKNOWN
URBAN SPRAWL
NEGLECT
FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS





CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

LARGE GROUP CLOSING

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





LARGE GROUP CLOSING

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

Group 1

- more teachers, teach kids about what to do if there is a stranger, kids are being watched, walk around trees
- place where kids want to go to school, teachers are highest paid, kids want to learn and eat good lunches, we will be known for something - like butterfly tagging
- river brings all to Evansville, home, growth, schools, church, business, sports, servant leader mayor supported by community
- house with garage, no crunch for space, diverse neighbors and schools, little boy on sidewalk riding bike, cheery and friendly place, trees and flowers to make beautiful, USI surrounded by woods to walk in, so much greenspace to access and enjoy

Group 2

- rehabbed downtown, accessible riverfront being used, museums, schools, universities, healthcare, good day care, entertainment, grocery stores, trees in urban areas, great airport, attractive to launch young people and attract young people
- riverfront with easy sidewalk access, affordable health care for all, park with playground, diverse people, all ages
- connectedness, wesselman, burdette parks, lots of green space for people to spend time outside in city
- movie event utilizing the riverfront, river is blue, people enjoying themselves down there and making memories

Group 3

- Beautiful river with boats and activities, beautiful skyline, outdoor seating for restaurants, hospitals working together, zoo with elephant, churches working together, huge Christmas tree, place to celebrate
- Electric, leanest and greenest zero waste city, college degrees, sailboats, restaurants, organic

Group 4

- riverfront, electric cars and plug-in stations, green energy, churches where all are welcome, community gardens, bike paths, affordable housing on river
- little shops on river, bike path circling county, unified government attracts Fortune 500 company and professional football, working together big things can happen
- business that pay living wages so folks can afford to live in thriving neighborhoods, pedestrian congestion downtown
- parks throughout area, diverse religions and churches, community gardens and health programs at churches, green energy schools, life long learning, job training opportunities, healthy lifestyle classes, updating older homes, art, music, theatre, museums, well planned community





