



VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 2 P.M. CAZE ELEMENTARY 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 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

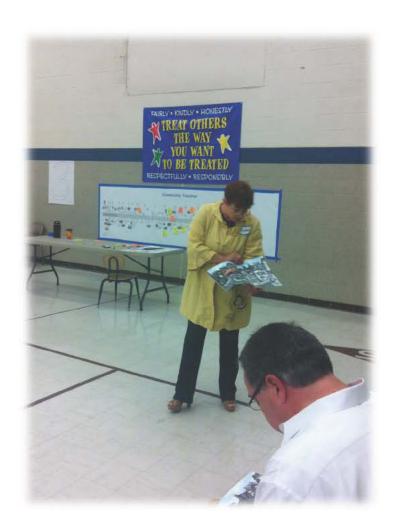
THE POSITIVE IN OUR COMMMUNITY

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWIG & 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."

- Spirit of volunteerism
- the way we support the arts
- friendly
- pretty clean
- collaboration
- friendly
- variety of people and things to do
- tradition
- unity work together
- community caring
- peaceful
- joyful
- works together well
- progressive
- historic
- embracing
- evolving
- collaborative
- family friendly
- welcoming
- riverfront
- safe community
- downtown
- passionate

- possibilities
- opportunities
- people
- fair, good
- nice people
- riverfront
- school spirit
- universities
- bosse field
- charitable
- faith basedopportunities
- hospitalities
- welcoming
- recycling days
- large trash pickup
- welcoming
- full of opportunities
- friendly schools
- welcoming
- hidden gems
- · opportunity for growth
- everyone nice to one another
- schools



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: Steve Standiford

Small group 1 scribe: Nicky Tesh and Julie Moore

Small group 1 recorder: Jeff Gruszweski



Carry Forward

Leave Behind

bulies of any kind community involvement

cMoe

habitat for humanity poverty heritage of youth athletics trash

image of unhealthy community green energy

the arts drugs, meth healthy living drugs healthier evansville dirty parks healthy living trash

communication unemployment animal cruelty

community programs for youth drugs and dirty parks

relationship between citizens hatred

DARE at school drugs and pollution food and healthy stuff unhealthy food VOICE and LE negative bloggers

work ethic

trash participation in arts bigotry

downtown improvements

entrepreneureal spirit unemployment technology homelessness

innovation

community involvement unhealthy food

opportunities

youth involvement cyber bullying

innovation

homelessness

passion for evansville unwillingness to change

economic development too comfortable with mediocrity

lack of money for cancer

programs that help those in the leave behind

upgrade roadways

green spaces, more grass

lack of roadway upkeep



LARGE GROUP CLOSING

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





LARGE GROUP CLOSING- Group 1

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

Group 1

- cleaner more interactive riverfront, collaborative activities, more businesses moving downtown, more local restaurants, more farmers markets
- · parks very clean
- welcome sign coming into town, community owned park, animals, alternative renewable energy - wind, solar

Group 2

- schools make strong foundation, diverse, exercise facilities, baseball diamond
- friendly, go out together as family, less pollution in air, ride to school on bus
- healthier Evansville, biking, walking to schools and churches, sense of community

Group 3

- me and best friend meeting for the first time, saying HI to each other
- more safe communities, parks
- · wider roads, traffic lights on intersection by Caze school

Group 4

- river, I-69, diversity work and job opportunities
- athletic fields, theatres
- unified Evansville, businesses working with universities, green spaces, riverfront, locally owned restaurants utilizing locally grown food, arts activities downtown

Group 5

- · parks clean, flowers, trees, more community friendly
- riverfront and downtown needs pharmacy, grocery; greenway, bike trails; green energy; technology innovation
- VOICE 2035 sessions; entertainment and outdoor spaces downtown, fresh market, bigger skyline, progress and employment, great school system,

Group 6

- good schools, pools, nice houses and neighborhoods, locally owned businesses in neighborhoods
- nice skyline, connect all parts of community, arts, green space, bike trails and physical fitness
- · nice people having fun





Participants:

Boyd Jonathan Brad Luttrull Cyndie Carneal Julie Phillips Russell McLeod Tai Edwards Deanna Hooper Dylan Elliott Daniela Vidal Benjamin James







