



**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](http://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."

- 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 based
- opportunities
- 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 Gruszewski



Carry Forward	Leave Behind
community involvement	bulies of any kind
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habitat for humanity	poverty
heritage of youth athletics	trash
green energy	image of unhealthy community
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	
entrepreneural 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	lack of roadway upkeep
green spaces, more grass	



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- 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:

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











