



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013
EASTLAND MALL**



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

voice

CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



OPENING
THE FLOWER MAN BOOK



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

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Leave Behind

poverty
racism
east-west division
urban neglect

stop signs (4 way)
1-way stop signs (Vann Ave)
Bullying
poor environment in schools
judging others in school
close-mindedness
drugs
drugs
prostitutes
pollution
traffic congestion
meth
drugs
pessimism
negativity
"can't do" attitude
littering
robbery
alcoholism
bullying
murder
hunger
swearing
hatred toward sexuality
violence at college

Carry Forward

opportunities
equality
camaraderie
antiquity/ history
Pollack-green river rd traffic
light
3-way stop at Vann Ave
downtown arts district
riverfront development
art schools
art schools
theme parks
educating youth on diversity
maintain history
clubs, casinos entertainment
presentations & free lectures
keep historic buildings
youth outreach programs
sense of safety
respect
parks
shelters
love
kindness
charity
helping less fortunate
everyone has a story
legacy
love
equality



CLOSING

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

Group 1

- POLLACK/CAZE SCHOOL AREA, MORE LIVING OPTIONS AND APARTMENTS. THERE IS A TRAFFIC STOPLIGHT ON POLLACK/GREEN RIVER ROAD. NEW GAS STATION, GROCERY STORE.
- THREE-WAY STOP

Group 2

- COEXISTANCE COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORS HELPING OTHERS, BIKES, FLOERS, EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER, SWING SETS, HELPING EACH OTHER, PEOPLE ARE TALKING, SIDEWALKS, PARKS ARE NICE, SAFE PARKS, REDEVELOP PARKS. NO CITY DIVIDE.

Group 3

- MUSIC AND ARTS SHOULD BE INCREASED- EXPRESSIVE, SUN, AIRPLANE- BIGGER AIRPORT

Group 4

- PEOPLE NEED TO HELP KIDS. MORE ART SCHOOLS, MORE HANDS-ON SCHOOLS,MUSIC, BIGGER HOUSES, BETTER PAYING JOBS. SCHOOL WHERE TEACHERS THINK LIKE KIDS TO BETTER EXPLAIN THINGS.

Group 5

- NO PROSTITUTES OR DRUG DEALERS, FLYING CARS, SCHOOL FOR THE IMPAIRED, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGES IN THE SAME BUILDING SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE/ LEAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE, MORE CASINOS AND CLUBS.

Group 6

- PARK KIDS CAN SAFELY PLAY IN, PRESERVE DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE, NICE PLACES FOR ELDERLY TO RETIRE, MORE CLUBS AND CASINOS, BRING IN REVENUE.

Group 7

- COUNTRY-SCENE, NOT WORRYING ABOUT LOCKING YOUR DOORS, MORE ACCESSIBILITY TO GET AROUND TOWN.

Group 8

- BUILD AND ELEVATED GREEN space above dress plaza for families. Keep schools and buildings, keep jobs that help the people. Has a Flower Shop from the book and a Tour bus to show it off.

Group 9

- flower, respect, faith, equality, music
- peace sign, clean community, best friends
- heart with truth so everyone speaks the truth, clean oceans, equality and respect for each other

Group 10

- sky, suns, flowers and trees- green, people, always sunny, people are working, schools, gigantic downtown, big airplane

Group 11

- place for all homeless and kids that need things, love, peace, school, education is important, pathways, parks,
- outside interactive school- swim, walk and ride bike, no bullying, having fun at school, everyone is nice to each other, everyone comes together.



