



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012
3:00 P.M.
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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 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 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

voice

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LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

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

parks	EHA
5-star libraries	library
mayor winnecke	central location
all the people	colleges and universities
get anywhere in 15 minutes	CAGE - churches working for justice
my neighborhood	trade schools
my family	diverse people who work hard
Willard library	friendliness
people are caring	size
people are giving	sense of community
team effort	potential for positive change
VOICE	small town feel with infrastructure of
Garvin park	larger city
jacobsville	effort to improve
neighbors and friends	friendliness
safety to neighbors	neighborhoods have individual
integrated	character
jacobsville	welcoming
innovation training	opportunities to contribute
centrally located	more open minded people than
educated population	closed minded
roads	acceptance of new people
schools	location on river
caring community	arts community
school system and programs	fall festival
south side and jacobsville revival -	museum
homes being built	zoo
	conservative friends

privacy
willard library
lifetime carry permit
many amenities
conservative friends
river
zoo
something for everything I enjoy
many churches
libraries
signature school
civic theatre
gerst house
resources for people in need
sense of history
riverfront
safety
riverfront
garvin park
gerst house
get anywhere in a few minutes
everything you need to raise family
passion
pride
historic preservation
EPO
nonprofits
schools
great falls and springs
generosity

zoo
universities
zoo
4H program
smaller size is good
central location
ford center
parks and recreation
city pools
size
location
activities
library
close to what I need
riverfront
work ethic
volunteerism
greenway
growing arts community
innovation pointe
didn't get reorganized
church
colleges
southern Indiana career tech center
parks
recognition of need to change



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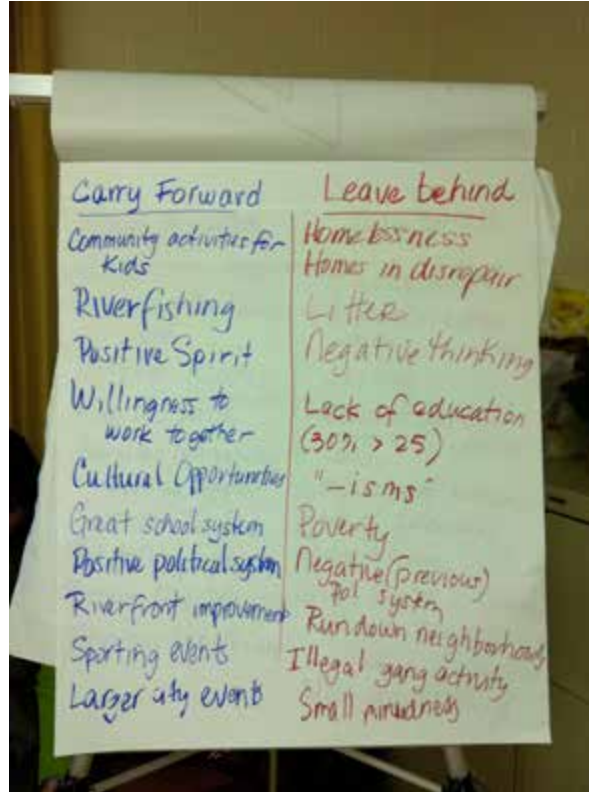
SMALL GROUP 1- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

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

Small group 1 facilitator: Alisha Aman

Small group 1 scribe: Heidi Gregori-Gahan & Greg Freyberger

Small group 1 recorder: Jeff Gruszewski



Carry Forward	Leave Behind
something for the kids activities	bad memories
	out of repair houses
right to go fishing at river	trash
positive spirit	negative thinking
willingness to work together	30% OF 25 years or older don't have GED - leave behind lack of education
cultural opportunities	the "isms" - sexism, racism, etc
school system	poverty in general;
positive political system	former negative political system
improve riverfront	rundown neighborhoods
sporting events	illegal activities, graffiti, gang activity
larger city events - epo, icemen	small mindedness
mesker amphitheater	doing nothing with mesker park amphitheater
ongoing interest in beautification	KKK
	prejudice
	exclusivism
bicycle routes	cursing
adequate parking	encroachment by factories
keep the faith	
religious communities that work together	
swonder ice rink	poor condition of sidewalks
	lack of sidewalks in major shopping areas
great nonprofit organizations and their efforts	anything connected with drug problem
promote ford center so everyone can participate	small minded politicians who tore down Roberts Stadium and let Mesker deteriorate
	west side/Newburgh rivalry
airport	bad drivers
	texting and driving
	separation between Evansville and Henderson
better interconnected regional mass transit	lack of regional transportation
	limited transportation
improve communications about community services	
improve public transportation/infrastructure	exodus of businesses
development of whirlpool building	hiring outside consultants for every project
build that downtown hotel	
bicycle routes going to places that people want or need to go	



SMALL GROUP 2- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

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

Small group 2 facilitator: Phyllip Davis
Small group 2 scribe: Timothy Weir
Small group 2 recorder: Meghan Seibert



Carry Forward	Leave Behind
parks and recreation	drugs
updated parks and playgrounds	drugs
progressive thinking	ideas that are stuck in the past
collaboration	nit-picking complaining
neighborhood communities	negative thoughts
growth and development	bias
educational campaign to educate citizens on animals	complaints and negativity
push for wellness	obesity
environment entrepreneurs and young professionals to excel	unwarranted negativity
handicap accessibility	non handicap accessibility
strength of school system	complaints of schools
get students more involved in the community	negativity
business opportunities	being stuck in old ways- lack of vision
downtown development	
service organizations	litter
more programs like voice	drugs and violence
strong support of small businesses	most obese city
health facilities and health innovations	no access to healthcare
collaboration of nonprofits	sense of defeatedness
people	negative people
church community involvement	litter
improve roads	litter
community activities	
school improvements	bad homes
more activities in neighborhoods	drugs and alcohol
development of school corporation- more programs like JTI	stoplights
community involvement organizations	
innovation- pilot programs	addiction
more stoplights for handicap accessibility	stoplights



SMALL GROUP 3- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

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

Small group 3 facilitator: Greg Freyberger
Small group 3 scribe: Don Crankshaw
Small group 3 recorder: Shawn Collins



Carry Forward	Leave Behind
Like the direction of our schools	
Downtown growth	
Get the kids active (activities)	
Education provided to the children	Brain drain
Natural resources - riverfront	Polarization (East - West)
Growth of jobs	East and West Side
Quality of Education of Grade Schools	Total disregard to early childhood education
Science and Tech Education	Present transportation system
Rehab of Jacobsville and downtown neighborhoods	dreams of dreams that they blocked off main street
Willingness to change	Complaints of walking to buildings
Believing in neighborhood associations	Meth labs
Parks	Affordable daycare
Recycling	Obesity
Business development	Obesity
Getting rid of meth labs	Meth Labs
Training workforce and industry	Vacant properties
Business attraction	Lloyd pool
Business attraction	Roberts Stadium
Childhood mentoring	Stereo typing
Philanthropy	Crime
working well together	Vacant properties
Affordable housing	Stop lights on the Lloyd Evpressway
	Lack of branding and identity
	Homeless population



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Group 1A

- diversity, living in peace
- parks, dog parks, growth innovation
- revitalization of riverfront
- healthcare, nursing homes
- flowerman x 175,000, intentionally educate and empower more flower people

GROUP 1B

- place to live work and play, looks a lot like our present - expand on the good things we have
- thriving businesses, expand small businesses, develop sustainable houses, apts. And condos, take advantage of icemen, epo, ue, etc; fall festival

Group 1C

- new ford hotel downtown
- streets you can walk on, do away with parking and cars, shopping, create dog parks in every neighborhood for dogs and people to socialize, skate parks, volleyball, a little anarchy is a good idea
- river is an asset with greenspace, well connected ways to get across town, bike paths, diverse neighborhoods

Group 1D

- river, grocery store, bus stops, parking lots,
- mobilized sidewalk, road with lanes for bicycles, no drunk drivers because they use mobilized sidewalks, places to park bikes, fishing spots on the river

Group 2A

- Lloyd, gateway, roundabout, garden, bike path connect with Garvin park, less parking lots, more green space
- Disadvantaged people are helped over the bridge to employability and social assets - that bridge may be church, but there needs to be bridges for everyone
- everything within 5 minute drive or a 10 minute walk, new construction, walkable neighborhood with families, children, dogs, tennis courts, healthy activities, banking, industries, dining and food, outside eating space all within a 5-10 minute walk
- another bridge over the river for I-69 ; need architectural icon like st louis, Toronto etc
- schools technologically advanced where kids learn and discuss major concepts leading to development and growth
- need vision in time lapse - look at things from altitude, high-up - things haven't changed much in past 50 years, still see power plant belching smoke in the air, hopefully in 2035 we wont have that smoke, and airport will be better, 1-69 will be major thoroughfare, universities will be fed by 1-69 so start developing for THAT, new community with improved airport, clean, fresh

Group 2B

- river and riverside drive, more housing, ball fields, parks, expanded zoo,
- neighboring - if we love each other things will improve - we become better neighborhoods
- access to healthy food and roads and ways to interconnect
- more sunshine in Evansville

Group 3A

- improved airport, Eastland mall and shopping, commercial businesses
- riverfront activities, more sports at ford center, empty jails, more bus stops, people helping people
- bosse field, mixed housing and small businesses

Group 3B

- sports equipment
- get kids more active, expand zoo, more animals
- river theme, yellow brick road, education, usi, ue, libraries, visit zoo, lots of greenery due to greenhouse, technology coming into Evansville, apple store for geeks

Group 3C

- parks, nice roads, downtown with hotels,
- casino Aztar, my own mansion because I hit the lottery
- more police patrols getting rid of drug problems and trash and crime

Group 3D

- new technology corridor with i-69, solar power
- use river more















