

Transcript from August 24, 2010 to August 25, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

August 24, 2010

- 12:01 am **bhamchat**: Hoping to see all of you (and some of your friends) for #bhamchat tomorrow at 7 p.m. CT!
- 2:30 pm **bhamchat**: This week's #bhamchat starts in less than 10 hours #bham! Let us know if you've got any ideas for topics.
- 2:34 pm **Owsley9**: @bhamchat I can't make #bhamchat tonight, but I hope #baamfest #baam is part of the discussion.
- 5:30 pm **bhamchat**: Less than 7 hours til #bhamchat starts tonight! Looking forward to convos about what's going on in Birmingham. Starts at 7 p.m. CT
- 7:55 pm **bhamchat**: Four hours until tonight's #bhamchat - for those new to it, here's some info - <http://bit.ly/p8FA2>
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- 11:52 pm **bhamchat**: If you're not on Twitter you can follow along with this week's #bhamchat here - <http://bit.ly/c9o4jd>
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- 11:53 pm **bhamchat**: If you'll be able to participate, go ahead and introduce yourself now. We'll get started at 7 p.m. #bhamchat

August 25, 2010

- bhamchat**: How's it going tonight everybody! Welcome to #bhamchat!
- 12:02 am **bhamchat**: There's an interesting event going on at WorkPlay and @chrisbrogan's in town, so we're expecting a light crowd tonight #bhamchat
- 12:05 am **bhamchat**: Tonight's focus would be past, present and future #bhamchat #bham
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- 12:09 am **chrisbrogan**: @bhamchat - well don't let me wreck things. #bhamchat :)
- 12:14 am **bhamterminal**: RT @bhamchat: BTW ladies and gentlemen, @chrisbrogan is speaking tomorrow @GreenBldngFocus - <http://bit.ly/bAbgHK> #bhamchat #broganbham
- 12:15 am **bhamchat**: Q1 Do you think that judge's decision that may lead to Trinity Medical moving to 280 is a good thing? #bhamchat #bham
- 12:17 am **bhamchat**: Q1 background - <http://bit.ly/cqrl14> #bhamchat
- 12:26 am **alisonlewis**: I think most people forgot #bhamchat is tonight #bhamchat
- 12:27 am **bhamchat**: Q2 - What is your favorite memory of the Alabama Theatre? #bhamchat #bham
- 12:28 am **acnatta**: @alisonlewis no, it's the #gamechanger premiere at the summit and there's a forum at WorkPlay #bhamchat
- 12:29 am **jonfmoss**: Excited about going to @bhamchat tomorrow #bhamchat
- 12:29 am **acnatta**: RT @bhamchat: Q2 - What is your favorite memory of the Alabama Theatre? #bhamchat #bham
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- 12:35 am **chris_depew**: @acnatta just took my son Saturday for matinee and he was mesmerized by organ. Seeing his joy means a lot to me. #bhamchat
- 12:37 am **ramsaytroy**: If bham can keep talented people in bham then we have a bright future. bham could be the city that cures cancer #bhamchat
- 12:39 am **acnatta**: @chris_depew I saw Vertigo during the summer film series back in 2004. Loved seeing Phantom there as

well that fall #bhamchat

- 12:43 am **bhamchat:** @chris_depew we're looking for any answers that come in. There's no right answer for any of these Qs. #bhamchat
- 12:44 am **spottedturkey:** RT @bhamchat: Q3 Help us introduce @chrisbrogan to #bham digitally - do you believe in Birmingham's future? Why or why not? #bhamchat
- 12:44 am **chris_depew:** @bhamterminal I know its not the answer u r looking for, but no. suburban folks and inner city population never trust each other #bhamchat
- 12:45 am **bhamchat:** RT @kgatgens: Q2 - seeing BBKing in 06 or the annual Christmas Movies #bhamchat
- 12:47 am **ramsaytroj:** @chris_depew thats a good point and something this area needs to overcome #bhamchat
- 12:49 am **spottedturkey:** @bhamchat believe #bham can be successful if we the community can be open to new ideas like sustainable building. #bhamchat
- 12:51 am **acnatta:** @ramsaytroj @chris_depew sure would be nice if folks could find a way to work past that #bhamchat
- 12:52 am **Jon_Lewis:** Hey. Sorry I'm late. #Bhamchat
- 12:52 am **chris_depew:** @ramsaytroj #bhamchat I think the city has a chance to improve, I just don't ever see the unity here to get to a level of a Nash or Jax
- 12:53 am **spottedturkey:** @bhamchat my pleasure. My first go at it so i may need some schooling. #bhamchat
- 12:53 am **Jon_Lewis:** I see unity in the future. I just think people need to work hard to bring people together. The cities need regular meetings. #Bhamchat
- 12:54 am **Jon_Lewis:** The @bhambizalliance will be good for the city with a new CEO, and if that person can get government and business together, who? #Bhamchat
- 12:55 am **thegeekwife:** Q3: If Bham can't figure out a decent transportation system the city will not grow beyond what it is today. #Bhamchat
- 12:55 am **bhamchat:** @spottedturkey here's a brief overview of the chat - <http://bit.ly/p8FA2> #bhamchat
- 12:55 am **ramsaytroj:** RT @thegeekwife: Q3: If Bham can't figure out a decent transportation system the city will not grow beyond what it is today. #Bhamchat
- 12:56 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife I agree. Was discussing with someone from NY today. They need to consider public transp and not new roads #Bhamchat
- 12:56 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife - I should say "we" need to consider. #Bhamchat
- 12:57 am **Jon_Lewis:** @chrisbrogan Welcome to our City(ies). where's dinner? #Bhamchat
- 12:57 am **zoebraize:** @bhamchat My first weekend at Samford, all the freshmen saw The Sandlot there. The singalong prior is one of my favorite memories. #bhamchat
- 12:58 am **cahabaweb:** RT @Jon_Lewis: I see unity in the future. I just think people need to work hard to bring people together. The cities need regular meetings. #Bhamchat
- 12:59 am **Jon_Lewis:** With UAB and the RR Park, we have some great prospects. Look at the southside and downtown compared to 10 years ago - Amazing!! #Bhamchat
- 12:59 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis Monorail would be the nest place to start. Have lived in other cities with it and it only makes sense. #Bhamchat
- 1:00 am **bhamchat:** Q3a is there something positive you can point to as a symbol of the city's future? #bhamchat
- 1:00 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife Some type of light rail - I'm all for it, but many over the mountain aren't. #Bhamchat
- 1:02 am **acnatta:** @thegeekwife they're nice to have, but most cities with monorail or light rail have fixed their bus issues first. #bhamchat
- 1:02 am **spottedturkey:** RT @Jon_Lewis: With UAB and the RR Park, we have some great prospects. Look at the southside and downtown compared to 10 years ago - Amazing!! #Bhamchat
- 1:03 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis That is because they don't want the "small town" atmosphere to change. #Bhamchat
- 1:03 am **Jon_Lewis:** @acnatta I'm all for fixing the bus system too. They recently hired a very bright director at MAX. Met him 2 weeks ago. #Bhamchat
- 1:03 am **ramsaytroj:** Q3a the continued growth of UAB #bhamchat
- 1:04 am **Jon_Lewis:** @ramsaytroj and a world class Children's Hospital - they are incredible too! #Bhamchat
- 1:04 am **thegeekwife:** @acnatta Buses have never worked here and probably never will that is why I mentioned light rail. #Bhamchat
- 1:05 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife I think there is more to it than the small town atmosphere. There is another reason. #Bhamchat
- 1:05 am **acnatta:** @thegeekwife the city used to have the world's second largest streetcar system. It worked when folks weren't so spread out #bhamchat
- 1:07 am **spottedturkey:** There will be a tweet up tomorrow at the Green Building Focus Conference and we need to decide on a hashtag. Suggestions? #Bhamchat
- 1:07 am **Jon_Lewis:** @acnatta It could work again with new technology. It works in Atlanta, and they are more spread out than us. #Bhamchat

1:08 am **Jon_Lewis:** @spottedturkey #BroganBham has been set up. #Bhamchat

1:08 am **thegeekwife:** @acnatta However, you have to look at why some cities "over the mountain" are choosing to stop bus service in those towns. #Bhamchat

1:09 am **acnatta:** @spottedturkey doesn't make sense to create a new one if so many folks know the #BroganBham one already #bhamchat

1:09 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife Fear. #Bhamchat

1:09 am **spottedturkey:** The tweetup at the conference will be a great time to bring up these great suggestions for #Bham. #Bhamchat #BroganBham

1:10 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis I agree to some point but I also think it is a stigma issue with the buses. They are not culturally attractive. #Bhamchat

1:11 am **spottedturkey:** @acnatta @Jon_Lewis - agree. Just didn't know if we wanted to isolate the tweetup. Makes sense though to use #BroganBham. #Bhamchat. Thx

1:12 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife @acnatta - "Culturally attractive"? Let's face it - it's a race issue. #Bhamchat

1:12 am **bhamchat:** Q4 in 3 minutes #bhamchat

1:12 am **chris_depew:** @thegeekwife #bhamchat why can't we even get together on something as simple as park and ride lots? Every two bit town in Ga. has em

1:13 am **Jon_Lewis:** @chris_depew @thegeekwife - It could be done and SHOULD be done. We don't need a toll road, we need public transportation! #Bhamchat

1:13 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis @acnatta So, what do we do to fix that issue so that the bus system can be used effectively? #Bhamchat

1:14 am **acnatta:** @Jon_Lewis I'd argue it reliability too. In NYC we have no problem using them because we know they'll be there. #bhamchat

1:14 am **acnatta:** @thegeekwife @Jon_Lewis we find out how we can help get the system where it needs to be and then help it get there. #bhamchat

1:14 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife @acnatta - Businesses and cities need to see the economic importance. You can't change change. It will happen - when? #Bhamchat

1:15 am **Jon_Lewis:** @acnatta That is a good point which is why we need governments to cooperate. #Bhamchat

1:17 am **bhamchat:** Q4 Should the Birmingham City School board be recalled so soon? Back story - <http://bit.ly/byJrBg> #bhamchat #bham

1:17 am **spottedturkey:** @Jon_Lewis and money. :) #Bhamchat

1:18 am **Jon_Lewis:** Hate to go, but have a softball game in 45 minutes. See most of you tomorrow @broganbham #Bhamchat

1:18 am **chris_depew:** @thegeekwife #bhamchat dedicated bus lanes on 65 and 280 to start. Give an incentive to actually get to work faster

1:18 am **Jon_Lewis:** @spottedturkey Always money - I need some too :) #Bhamchat

1:20 am **spottedturkey:** @Jon_Lewis I think this is the time to reinvent and restructure. Have the plans in place if and when the money comes back in play #bhamchat

1:20 am **spottedturkey:** @Jon_Lewis hope you win your game. Hope to meet you tomorrow. #Bhamchat

1:23 am **bhamchat:** We're getting close to the end of the formal portion; anyone have links or events they want to share? #bhamchat

1:24 am **bhamchat:** BTW - we'll be starting a push next week to make more folks aware of the chat - and we'll need your help! Keep an eye on DMs #bhamchat

1:24 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat oops! Got caught up with the sick baby and missed the chat. Catch you guys on the flip though. ;) #bhamchat

1:25 am **spottedturkey:** @sandford so do you think we should use a separate hashtag? I'm on the fence. #bhamchat

1:25 am **chris_depew:** Btw with 7 precincts reporting, #saban endorsement only good enough to give Dot Davidson 3rd place in bessemer mayor's race. #bhamchat

1:26 am **bhamchat:** @dgarvich funny you should mention that... we'll be opening the comments section on the on-site archive a little later tonight #bhamchat

1:27 am **spottedturkey:** @bhamchat I'm all for the push. Happy to share the #BroganBham link but that may be a bit redundant. #BhamChat. What say you?

1:31 am **bhamchat:** We'll just plug @bhamterminal's 1st ever blogging awards - <http://bit.ly/b4ZuGg> #bhamchat #bham

1:31 am **spottedturkey:** @bhamchat - great. Thanks. Hope people will make it out and represent our city well. Low turnout will not pose well #Bhamchat

1:32 am **bhamchat:** ...and we'll look forward to talking to you during the week and next Tuesday, 8/30, at 7 p.m. CT! #bhamchat