

## Transcript from September 14, 2010 to September 15, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

## September 14, 2010

- 1:11 am **thegeekwife:** @acnatta Have we heard anything about the next #bhamchat?
- 1:15 am **acnatta:** @thegeekwife honestly I've been so busy w/ @wordcampbham & other issues I don't know. We'll see if folks take part tomorrow #bhamchat
- 1:54 pm **Jon\_Lewis:** @acnatta @bhamchat #bhamchat - See News this A.M. - Proposed baseball park near @railroadpark - We need to get behind this!
- 6:48 pm **liftmoving:** @acnatta is there a #bhamchat tonight?
- 6:50 pm **bhamchat:** @liftmoving there will be a #bhamchat tonight - topic - where should focus be in metro Birmingham | 7-8:30 p.m. #bham
- 8:15 pm **thegeekwife:** Anyone know if there is a #bhamchat tonight?
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- 9:04 pm **dgarvich:** @acnatta #bhamchat #bham I hope to make it tonight, kid's b'day though so no guarantees. :)
- 9:49 pm **chris\_depew:** RT @acnatta: RT @bhamchat: FYI - there will be a #bhamchat tonight - topic - where should focus be in metro Birmingham | 7-8:30 p.m. #bham
- 11:34 pm **bhamchat:** Less than 30 minutes until #bhamchat though some folks may have issues thanks to Twitter announcement - we'll see...
- 11:36 pm **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Less than 30 minutes until #bhamchat though some folks may have issues thanks to Twitter announcement - we'll see...
- 11:38 pm **bhamchat:** @wilsonsway we'll be sending out the link to the transcript later on tonight on @bhamterminal #bhamchat
- 11:38 pm **sidewalkfilm:** @acnatta Sidewalks in the house tonight #bhamchat
- 11:41 pm **wilsonsway:** @bhamchat Thanks! I'll look for it. #bhamchat
- 11:42 pm **toddbob3:** /@bhamchat @acnatta #bhamchat Hello all. Todd here. How is everyone?
- 11:44 pm **sidewalkfilm:** @toddbob3 Hi! This is our first time here! #bhamchat
- 11:55 pm **chris\_depew:** Good evening #bhamchat people.
- 11:59 pm **bhamchat:** Good evening everybody - Welcome to #bhamchat! How's it going out there...

## September 15, 2010

- 12:01 am **sidewalkfilm:** @bhamchat great! we are gearing up for an awesome weekend in downtown bham #bhamchat
- 12:01 am **bhamchat:** Tonight's #bhamchat topic - how much and where should focus be in Birmingham - #bham
- 12:03 am **sidewalkfilm:** people say don't come to the festival because they are scared Downtown is dangerous how do we change that image? - #bhamchat
- 12:04 am **chris\_depew:** @bhamchat just finished watching video of Bell press conference on stadium plans. Sounds like things are really hopping. #bhamchat
- 12:04 am **bhamchat:** For those new to #bhamchat - here's a primer - <http://bit.ly/p8FA2>
- 12:04 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Tonight's #bhamchat topic - how much and where should focus be in Birmingham - #bham
- 12:05 am **bhamchat:** If you have ideas for questions, send them to us w/out the #bhamchat hashtag - thanks!
- 12:06 am **bhamchat:** Q1 in 3 minutes! #bhamchat
- 12:09 am **bhamchat:** Q1 is via @sidewalkfilm! - #bhamchat
- 12:09 am **thegeekwife:** Hi everyone at #bhamchat!
- 12:11 am **bhamchat:** Q1: Some ppl say they don't go to @sidewalkfilm re: they think Downtown is dangerous. How do we change that image? #bhamchat

12:12 am **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: Q1: Some ppl say they don't go to @sidewalkfilm re: they think Downtown is dangerous. How do we change that image? #bhamchat

12:12 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q1: Some ppl say they don't go to @sidewalkfilm re: they think Downtown is dangerous. How do we change that image? #bhamchat

12:12 am **bhamchat:** @sidewalkfilm no, we just resent it. You may want to help clarify for folks though :) #bhamchat

12:13 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat are these the same individuals who work downtown but flee at 5pm? #bhamchat

12:13 am **chris\_depew:** @sidewalkfilm For this weekend at least, I would try to tie in with the #rpark opening. Lots of curious people will come out. #bhamchat

12:15 am **sidewalkfilm:** rpark opening is a great thing for everyone, but it is dishearten to hear folks say they don't want to go downtown #bhamchat

12:15 am **thegeekwife:** @sidewalkfilm 1) Increase police presence during events, 2) Create parking closer to events #bhamchat

12:16 am **toddbob3:** #bhamchat @sidewalkfilm doesn't answer Q, but I think your event is actually one that helps improve #bhams overall image. I say keep it up!

12:16 am **chris\_depew:** Long term, the crime turnaround began when the new chief came in, but perception always takes a while to catch reality. #bhamchat

12:16 am **sidewalkfilm:** there is a ton of parking during the weekend - McWane Parking Deck, all street parking is free and several lots are open #bhamchat

12:17 am **bhamchat:** Hey folks, don't forget to put Q(question number) in front of your answers | Thanks! #bhamchat

12:17 am **ninjaman1994:** RT @sidewalkfilm: there is a ton of parking during the weekend - McWane Parking Deck, all street parking is free and several lots are open #bhamchat

12:18 am **acnatta:** @thegeekwife I think folks that come downtown that weekend notice that the perception is quite different from reality #bhamchat

12:18 am **andyspain:** Remind them there's safety in numbers and supporting events like @sidewalkfilm brings crowds to downtown, pushing out crime #bhamchat

12:18 am **APYTJD:** @sidewalkfilm Maybe better advertising of these parking abilities. Increase lighting. As a single female, that's important to me. #bhamchat

12:18 am **sidewalkfilm:** thanks! @toddbob3 that is something that we really want to do - there are a lot of cool places downtown the @altheatre is AWESOME #bhamchat

12:19 am **acnatta:** Q1 @thegeekwife plus it's the same weekend as Taste of 4th Ave Jazz, Greek Food Festival, etc. #bhamchat

12:19 am **chris\_depew:** @sidewalkfilm a lot of folks who are closed minded to downtown #bham would also be closed minded to non-Hollywood films. #bhamchat

12:19 am **thegeekwife:** @APYTJD @sidewalkfilm I agree! I would like to know I could come downtown by myself at night and be o.k #bhamchat

12:20 am **thegeekwife:** @acnatta Q1: I have never been to any of those. #bhamchat

12:20 am **sidewalkfilm:** Q1 @acnatta and we have an outdoor element with live music, food into the night - lots going on #bhamchat

12:21 am **sidewalkfilm:** @thegeekwife come to them all Downtown is full with a lot of folks out and about and it is neat to see the city like that #bhamchat

12:22 am **toddbob3:** #bhamchat Q1 how do centralized areas like 2nd Ave N effect how you feel about downtown. re: safety, parking, lighting, CAPS etc.

12:22 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q1: In the twitter world...we know about these events, but I'm on twitter bc my friends hate it, which is why I love it. #bhamchat

12:22 am **thegeekwife:** @sidewalkfilm I may just have to do that, wow sounds like a lot of fun #bhamchat

12:24 am **chris\_depew:** @thegeekwife you've got to try the Greek festival. Outstanding food! #bhamchat

12:24 am **sidewalkfilm:** Q1 - I love 2nd Ave N and our office is on 1st Ave N - walk my dog there all the time...maybe if there were more open biz dt #bhamchat

12:24 am **bhamchat:** Q2 in 4 minutes! #bhamchat

12:26 am **sidewalkfilm:** Q1 We are trying to change that image and hope folks see that embracing the city is a good thing for all! #bhamchat

12:26 am **chris\_depew:** @toddbob3 Q1 I think lots of people hear downtown and only picture the bjcc and i65 area, which looks scary. #bhamchat

12:29 am **bhamchat:** Q2 - Mayor Bell presented funding proposal for baseball park near @RailroadPark - thoughts? #bhamchat

12:29 am **MoodyPaints:** Can't wait to see I20 lowered! Green space! Connect the cultural districts! #bhamchat

12:29 am **bhamchat:** Q2 Here's the story from earlier today (a.k.a. - background) - <http://bit.ly/aAqCzI> #bhamchat

12:29 am **thegeekwife:** @chris\_depew @chris\_depew Maybe once they level I20/59 it wont look so scary, it will be more inviting. #bhamchat

12:30 am **sidewalkfilm**: Q2 - what does Hoover think of that? Would people come DT for that? #bhamchat

12:30 am **MoodyPaints**: Agree with @sidewalkfilm. Embracing the city as it can be is a good thing for all! #bhamchat

12:30 am **thegeekwife**: @bhamchat Q2: I think it is a great idea, just leave the Barons in Hoover. #bhamchat

12:30 am **MoodyPaints**: Wish the Pig or a similar grocery store would come back to Five Points South #bhamchat

12:31 am **chris\_depew**: Q2 If the #Barons are on board it could be awesome. But it shouldn't happen without them and it should be baseball only, no #UAB. #bhamchat

12:31 am **thegeekwife**: @sidewalkfilm Q2: I don't think Hoover people would go downtown to watch them play, I live in Hoover. #bhamchat

12:32 am **toddbob3**: #bhamchat I support this far above & beyond the mess that is the entertainment district. @RailRoadPark brings breath of fresh life to city

12:32 am **thegeekwife**: @chris\_depew Q2: I disagree, why should the Barons moving be any kind of condition to that? #bhamchat

12:32 am **ramsaytrov**: Q2: I like the idea of a ballpark downtown. I agree the Barons would be the smart move. #bhamchat

12:32 am **MoodyPaints**: Denver connected their city via mass transit to entertainment, i.e. Barons, BJCC, Alabama Outdoors, etc. #bhamchat

12:33 am **toddbob3**: #Bhamchat Q2: how many Hoover residents actually support the Barrons? Why no UAB? Would do a lot for city + university. LegionField=scary

12:33 am **thegeekwife**: @toddbob3 Birmingham has the potential for an amazing entertainment district if embraced properly as all the elements are there #bhamchat

12:33 am **sidewalkfilm**: Q2 - do you guys think people would come? #bhamchat

12:34 am **ramsaytrov**: @sidewalkfilm yes #bhamchat

12:34 am **acnatta**: Q2 @toddbob3 I'll tell you that living in Norwood, the entertainment district would give us a place close by. But love baseball! #bhamchat

12:34 am **thegeekwife**: @MoodyPaints What happened to the grocery store on Highland? #bhamchat

12:34 am **chris\_depew**: @thegeekwife Q2 If the #Barons don't move, another affiliated team can't come. Indy league wouldn't be worth it. #bhamchat

12:34 am **ramsaytrov**: Even if it's not the Barons it should happen #bhamchat

12:35 am **bhamchat**: @toddbob3 UAB was mentioned in the background link we provided #bhamchat

12:35 am **MoodyPaints**: Baseball park could be a very good thing @bhamchat #bhamchat I think Mayor Bell is trying during difficult funding times.

12:36 am **toddbob3**: #bhamchat @acnatta I agree Entertainment Dist would be great. But goals need to be reexamined (ie. football team) and politics are messy.

12:36 am **chris\_depew**: @toddbob3 Q2 #uab needs own football stadium. 2-sport stadiums suck for both sports. #bhamchat

12:37 am **ramsaytrov**: RT @chris\_depew: @toddbob3 Q2 #uab needs own football stadium. 2-sport stadiums suck for both sports. #bhamchat

12:37 am **MoodyPaints**: @toddbob3 What do you consider in the 'entertainment' district? #bhamchat What's the mess?

12:37 am **deongordon**: #bhamchat Q2 - I live right NEXT to Regions Park. I still support it being d/town. Much more in terms of residual ROI and atmosphere.

12:38 am **ramsaytrov**: An OCS would be great for UAB #bhamchat

12:38 am **acnatta**: @toddbob3 I think sports fans said football - and the former mayor - BJCC said more floor space. #bhamchat

12:38 am **MoodyPaints**: @thegeekwife Are you talking about Western? #bhamchat Still there but very hard to find parking...Pig had huge parking lot behind.

12:41 am **bhamchat**: Q3 in 3 minutes! #bhamchat

12:42 am **MoodyPaints**: Funny how men talk sports as an attraction #bhamchat Women talk food and green space for kids. Downtown needs both...

12:43 am **chris\_depew**: Q2 I do think Bell had kind of a snotty reply when asked if he had talked to Petelos. So much for regional cooperation. #bhamchat

12:43 am **thegeekwife**: @MoodyPaints It was on the corner right off of 280 on the right, very hard to get in and out of is all I remember. #bhamchat

12:43 am **acnatta**: @MoodyPaints great point! #bhamchat

12:44 am **ramsaytrov**: @thegeekwife yep that's Western lol #bhamchat

12:44 am **acnatta**: @thegeekwife that's the Western. Still there. #bhamchat

12:44 am **jsandford**: @MoodyPaints As a male, I'd rather see money spent on lowering I-20/59 than moving the Barons. Someone convince me otherwise. #bhamchat

12:45 am **thegeekwife**: @jsandford @MoodyPaints I so agree! #bhamchat

12:46 am **ramsaytrov**: do we have a ballpark figure for a downtown ballpark? #bhamchat

12:46 am **bhamchat:** Q3 The first two Qs were focused on downtown #bham. What about the rest of the city? Is there enough being done? #bhamchat

12:46 am **davecowart:** @jsandford wouldn't that be federal/state dollars, not city? #bhamchat

12:47 am **MoodyPaints:** @acnatta Not a big sports fan...sorry ;-( #bhamchat

12:48 am **IamLmac:** Q3 #bhamchat another Phillips academy school would be awesome maybe on the west side of town

12:48 am **StaceyHood:** Why is the answer to everything always to build something new? Why not repurpose existing buildings, areas? #bhamchat

12:48 am **johnmcurrie:** @jsandford my understanding is the I20/59 project would be paid for mostly with federal and state funds #bhamchat

12:48 am **acnatta:** @MoodyPaints why apologizing? It's important for a balance for a city to be successful when it's all said and done. #bhamchat

12:48 am **chris\_depew:** @jsandford You can watch the #barons downtown in 2 years or wait for your great grandkids to drive on sunken 20/59 #bhamchat #aldot\_so\_slow

12:48 am **toddbob3:** RT @StaceyHood Why is the answer to everything always to build something new? Why not repurpose existing buildings, areas? #bhamchat

12:49 am **MoodyPaints:** @bhamchat I'll say it again - I think mass transit is the solution to connect all parts of our city #bhamchat ALDOT is NOT the solution...

12:49 am **motionmind:** @StaceyHood Because building new is often MUCH cheaper. #bhamchat

12:49 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @MoodyPaints: @bhamchat I'll say it again - I think mass transit is the solution to connect all parts of our city #bhamchat ALDOT is NOT the solution...

12:50 am **dgarvich:** @StaceyHood #bhamchat agree. We have some AMAZING, but empty, buildings. Need more incentives for businesses to move in.

12:50 am **sidewalkfilm:** @MoodyPaints I don't think people would use it here - we are a car city. :) #bhamchat

12:50 am **thegeekwife:** @MoodyPaints @bhamchat I agree but buses aren't the answer. #bhamchat

12:50 am **MoodyPaints:** @jsandford YAY! Quality of life downtown needs to begin with everyday benefits rather than 'events' #bhamchat

12:51 am **acnatta:** @motionmind not necessarily. Demolition and removal with construction normally costs more 9/10 times #bhamchat cc @staceyhood

12:51 am **sidewalkfilm:** @dgarvich @staceyhood Agree - there are so many beautiful buildings that just need some TLC #bhamchat

12:51 am **StaceyHood:** @motionmind So the older buildings decay and rot away...causing more work in the future? #bhamchat

12:52 am **ramsaytroy:** I would use buses but our system doesn't work for me #bhamchat

12:52 am **motionmind:** @acnatta That depends entirely on the original building materials, site hazards, etc... #bhamchat

12:52 am **\_amywarren:** RT @sidewalkfilm: @dgarvich @staceyhood Agree - there are so many beautiful buildings that just need some TLC #bhamchat

12:52 am **MoodyPaints:** @thegeekwife Agree! Maybe a combo with light rail - studies have been done in the past #bhamchat

12:52 am **dgarvich:** @sidewalkfilm @staceyhood #bhamchat - business is a reason to live downtown, living downtown is reason to buy/hang downtown.

12:53 am **johnmcurrie:** @motionmind several grants and tax credits can also be made available when restoring buildings #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:53 am **StaceyHood:** For example, WHY do we need another baseball stadium? What's wrong with the Met? How about some money for education? #bhamchat

12:53 am **motionmind:** @StaceyHood That's pretty much the routine I've seen in most second-tier cities like the 'Ham #bhamchat

12:53 am **bhamchat:** Re: Q3 so folks don't think that areas outside aren't getting enough attention? #bhamchat

12:53 am **MoodyPaints:** Many of the downtown buildings are historic. Are tax credits still available for that? #bhamchat

12:54 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** jumping in - I would LOVE and want to live downtown - but can not afford to buy and rent is \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ #bhamchat

12:54 am **motionmind:** @johnmcurrie Very true, Savannah, GA was the king of getting grants to renovate, even if just one wall was standing. #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:54 am **thegeekwife:** @MoodyPaints Absolutely agree light rail will carry Bham into the next century. #bhamchat

12:54 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat Q3 #bhamchat I'm a fan of centralization. The surrounding areas are currently thriving to the detriment of where we all work!

12:54 am **StaceyHood:** I'd like to see more repurposed bldgs. personally. Stop this new building. Give people a reason to come back downtown #bhamchat

12:55 am **MoodyPaints:** @StaceyHood NOW you're talking! Education is the 1st problem Bham needs to solve! #bhamchat

12:55 am **motionmind:** @StaceyHood The Met doesn't belong to Birmingham does it? Also, I'd consider that a suburban

stadium. #bhamchat

12:55 am **acnatta:** @MoodyPaints the programs available in AL are not as helpful as programs in other states (used to do it for a living) #bhamchat

12:56 am **acnatta:** @MoodyPaints the credits available are federal, not at the state level. Most states have both #bhamchat

12:56 am **chris\_depew:** @bhamchat responded with one but forgot #bhamchat tag. Ugh.

12:56 am **toddbob3:** #bhamchat lots of big ideas being thrown around re: revitalization. I would like to see a caucus and a comprehensive plan. cont'd...

12:56 am **acnatta:** @dgarvich when we asked Q3, we were thinking about parts of #bham like Woodlawn, Ensley, Avondale, etc. #bhamchat

12:57 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Better late than never. hello! #bhamchat

12:58 am **johnmcurrie:** @motionmind Regions Park (Hoover Met) is owned by the City of Hoover #bhamchat

12:58 am **StaceyHood:** Does that business plan the BBA was throwing around have anything like this in it? #bhamchat

12:58 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @thegeekwife: @MoodyPaints Absolutely agree light rail will carry Bham into the next century. #bhamchat

12:58 am **toddbob3:** #bhamchat to include both new and repurposed buildings. Also how to connect dif areas within downtown and suburbs (which i think is key)

12:58 am **motionmind:** @StaceyHood It's really kind of insulting that the Birmingham Barons play in Hoover, just emotional, but you can't ignore emotions #bhamchat

12:58 am **thegeekwife:** Q3: These areas are in bad need of attention but we have to start somewhere, why not downtown? #bhamchat

12:59 am **dgarvich:** @acnatta #bhamchat eesh, my bad. I was thinking of the next ring out. Those areas need help badly. Growing up in Tarrant I know this. ;)

12:59 am **ramsaytroy:** Q3: Is'nt Collegeville still cut-off from the rest of the city? #bhamchat

12:59 am **jsandford:** @StaceyHood We'll find out next Thursday night at RR Park. #bhamchat

12:59 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon\_Lewis Welcome! #bhamchat

12:59 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @motionmind: @StaceyHood It's really kind of insulting that the Birmingham Barons play in Hoover, just emotional, but you can't ignore emotions #bhamchat

1:00 am **dgarvich:** @motionmind @staceyhood RE: Barons - They get better attendance than the Oakland A's. #bhamchat

1:00 am **jsandford:** @bhamchat Every day I drive past the Leer Tower, I cringe that the developers are letting that go to waste. #bhamchat

1:00 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Q3 - the issue, once again, is that each of these areas has its own government and does not come under the Bham umbrella #bhamchat

1:01 am **thegeekwife:** @motionmind @StaceyHood Why?? Hoover is a Suburb of Birmingham. #bhamchat

1:01 am **Jon\_Lewis:** I missed a lot, but I think a ballpark near the park is an incredible idea, and the Barons should be their too! #bhamchat

1:02 am **acnatta:** Q3 @Jon\_Lewis actually the question was not about the suburbs but about the neighborhoods like Smithfield, Ensley, Woodlawn, etc. #bhamchat

1:02 am **johnmcurrie:** @jsandford couldn't agree more re: Leer Tower..beautiful structure just wasting away #bhamchat

1:02 am **MoodyPaints:** @Jon\_Lewis Yes, fought that battle under David Vann. Not sure it can every be solved now, so we have to work with what we have #bhamchat

1:02 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @thegeekwife Not really. Ask Mayor Petelos, and I'm sure he wants you to know that Hoover is its own city. #bhamchat

1:02 am **jsandford:** @bhamchat Exactly. It's this sentiment that's killing us as a region. RT @thegeekwife Why?? Hoover is a Suburb of Birmingham. #bhamchat

1:03 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @acnatta Oh, my bad. #bhamchat

1:03 am **chris\_depew:** Q3 #bham will struggle to rebuild residential base until schools get radical overhaul. #bhamchat

1:03 am **sidewalkfilm:** @johnmcurrie @jsandford love that building and so many others! #bhamchat

1:03 am **dgarvich:** @Jon\_Lewis #bhamchat we need Barons fans first! What's with everyone here being Braves fans when the Barons are a White Sox team?

1:03 am **bhamchat:** .FYI - You don't have to respond to us, just use the #bhamchat hashtag :) Thanks!

1:04 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints Agreed, but what do we have? Lots of different chiefs. #bhamchat

1:04 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon\_Lewis I have lived in Hoover many, many years and I have always considered a suburb of Bham. #bhamchat

1:04 am **MoodyPaints:** I love what I see happening in Woodlawn & Norwood. People are really trying to reclaim neighborhoods! #bhamchat

1:04 am **motionmind:** @thegeekwife Because Hoover has done all it can to isolate itself from Bham financially. Most there

wouldn't consider it a suburb. #bhamchat

1:04 am **StaceyHood:** @motionmind I get emotional about Sewer Bond issue, the lack of leadership & progression in the area also, it's understandable. #bhamchat

1:04 am **chris\_depew:** Q3 Would like to see more emphasis on industrial recruitment. Toys are fun but factories, dist. centers, etc are the job makers #bhamchat

1:05 am **ramsaytroy:** A Braves team would be my 2nd choice behind the Barons #bhamchat

1:05 am **MoodyPaints:** @chris\_depew DITTO! Schools first, then families will move back in...#bhamchat

1:05 am **Jon\_Lewis:** We are Braves fans because we can drive to the games. #bhamchat

1:06 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Hoover is a suburb of Birmingham just like Mtn. Brook, Homewood, Vestavia, etc., but they each have their own financial structure #bhamchat

1:06 am **ProgressiveElec:** #bhamchat - food deserts are a major problem in the development efforts. also for long term health of residents.

1:07 am **thegeekwife:** @motionmind Then they need to learn the def of suburb: A residential district located on the outskirts of a city #bhamchat

1:07 am **jsandford:** @bhamchat Let's not forget that western Jeff. Co. tried to become its own county when Bham was still Elyton. #FracturedEvenThen #bhamchat

1:07 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** I moved back to Bham from Tampa because I love this city. &would like 2 see more progressive folks supporting things in Birmingham #bhamchat

1:08 am **bhamchat:** Q4 - inspired by @jsandford - what will it take for us to view Birmingham as a region? #bhamchat #bham

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1:08 am **MoodyPaints:** @StaceyHood Sewer bond issue...haven't even gotten my bill yet and I'm dreading it. Emotional or ANGRY! #bhamchat

1:09 am **chris\_depew:** A lot of would-be hipsters have resentment for #overthemountain and #shelbycounty. That's no more helpful than suburban paranoids. #bhamchat

1:09 am **thegeekwife:** @Rebecca\_Pugh I would agree. I moved back from Louisville. Would love to see same suburb cohesiveness as there. #bhamchat

1:09 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Regional cooperation and a regional structure. #bhamchat

1:09 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat Q4 #bhamchat people doing more than just working here, IMO. People take more pride in where they live than where they work.

1:10 am **johnmcurrie:** @rebecca\_pugh same here...I was living in St Pete but jumped at the chance to come back! #bhamchat

1:10 am **thegeekwife:** @acnatta Q4: Regional cohesiveness like I mentioned about Louisville and other places have. #bhamchat

1:10 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @Jon\_Lewis: Regional cooperation and a regional structure. #bhamchat

1:11 am **MoodyPaints:** @acnatta We need something we can all point to with pride. Maybe it's a team, or a downtown park, or our history, I don't know... #bhamchat

1:11 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Nashville is a great example, but it is a more liberal town. #bhamchat

1:11 am **eatbhm:** Q4 strong Core: don't reinvent the wheel #bhamchat "You can't rely on bringing people downtown, you have to put them there." - Jane Jacobs

1:12 am **jsandford:** @bhamchat Step 1: Pick up a Birmingham/Jones Valley history book and catch yourself up on what we've been through....as a region. #bhamchat

1:12 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints UAB and Childrens Hospital seems to be what the Southside is all about and what we have pride in here. #bhamchat

1:12 am **johnmcurrie:** I agree with the general sentiment of cooperation. the BR communities seem to have little interest in the advancement of Bham #bhamchat

1:13 am **MoodyPaints:** MAYBE it's just a GREAT marketing plan! Like I love NY! We're marketers here. I believe in Birmingham has possibilities...#bhamchat

1:13 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints The Hat logo Larry endorsed doesn't do it for you? #bhamchat

1:13 am **thegeekwife:** @johnmcurrie The reason for that is fear. We need to change that first. #bhamchat

1:14 am **dgarvich:** @MoodyPaints ooooh, I like that. #bhamchat

1:14 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** @EatBham - I would love to be put there - but to rent downtown is impossible the prices are crazy high! #bhamchat

1:14 am **Jon\_Lewis:** We have great events, restaurants, etc. here, but it seems as though something is missing. #bhamchat

1:15 am **bhamchat:** RT @jsandford: Step 1: Pick up a #bham/Jones Valley history book & catch yourself up on what we've

been through - as a region. #bhamchat

1:15 am **MoodyPaints:** @Jon\_Lewis Nashville has country music...The city revolves around it. #bhamchat We used to have a jazz community? #bhamchat

1:15 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** @johnmcurrie Ha! love that! Bham is a great town that folks need to believe in and support, rebuilding, ed - so much to grow #bhamchat

1:15 am **jsandford:** @bhamchat Our initiatives downtown are often fractured. geographically. Contiguity would help. @RailroadPark might help that. #bhamchat

1:15 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints Yes, but the city took off in 1992 after Mayor Bredesen was elected. He got things done. #bhamchat

1:16 am **MoodyPaints:** @Jon\_Lewis You crack me up! #bhamchat - no, the Larry hat doesn't work...

1:16 am **dgarvich:** @MoodyPaints @jon\_lewis we still have a talented music scene. No media support for it though. #bhamchat

1:17 am **chris\_depew:** Q4 All the wrongs of the civil rights era are still a dark cloud over #bham. We never totally healed from that. #bhamchat

1:17 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints I keep waiting for the rabbit to come out. It reminds me of Alice and Wonderland. #bhamchat

1:17 am **johnmcurrie:** @dgarvich agree! the music scene here has long been a strong suit #bhamchat

1:18 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @chris\_depew I don't know that I agree. We keep bringing it up. Does everyone else? People LOVE this city when they come. #bhamchat

1:18 am **deongordon:** @eatbhm I knew I loved you for a reason. You just quoted Jane Jacobs. #win #bhamchat

1:18 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** here here! arts and music scene - did anyone come to artwalk, we have talented folks in Bham #bhamchat

1:19 am **sandybirmingham:** @sidewalkfilm ok just saw the post. This is going to be the best year yet! Where's the outdoor fest going to be located? #bhamchat

1:19 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon\_Lewis @chris\_depew Q4:But you can't mention Bham without someone mentioning the CR Era here. #bhamchat

1:19 am **MoodyPaints:** @chris\_depew Maybe we should take pride in the fact that our history hurts us...At least it shows we're remorseful! #bhamchat

1:19 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @Rebecca\_Pugh And Sidewalk Film next week is awesome! Greek Food festival! There is a ton. #bhamchat

1:19 am **J\_W\_Little:** I think things like a new baseball park downtown that gets people downtown for things other than business will start to unite #bhamchat

1:20 am **sidewalkfilm:** @Jon\_Lewis Yes people do - we bring in over 100 out of town filmmakers to the city & r surprised about what a great place this is #bhamchat

1:20 am **ramsaytroy:** #bhamchat Speaking of good music you all should come see this <http://tinyurl.com/2dbxawa>

1:20 am **dgarvich:** @Rebecca\_Pugh played BAAM and attended ArtWalk, both were awesome events! #bhamchat

1:20 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints Good idea. The civil rights museum was a start of that. #bhamchat

1:20 am **jsandford:** @chris\_depew As a white male, what we have in civil rights history here shows we can be ugly and we can work to rise above ugly. #bhamchat

1:20 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @sidewalkfilm A friend of mine came from Corpus Christi just for the event two years ago. #bhamchat

1:21 am **sidewalkfilm:** @sandybirmingham outdoor space is btween 3rd ave N and 4th ave N on 19th St - live music, FOOD and drinks! #bhamchat

1:21 am **J\_W\_Little:** I don't see what's wrong with the civil rights era. We should take pride that citizens help change the entire south #bhamchat

1:21 am **jsandford:** @chris\_depew But if you look in the aforementioned history books, the civil rights era is but a sliver in our history. #bhamchat

1:22 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @J\_W\_Little: I don't see what's wrong with the civil rights era. We should take pride that citizens help change the entire south #bhamchat

1:22 am **deongordon:** #bhamchat @eatbhm pretty much nailed it. Birmingham needs a strong and vibrant downtown/core. Make it practically asinine to live elsewhere.

1:22 am **bhamchat:** Q5 (LAST Q) Do you think that Birmingham is "closed" or "open" to a new future? #bhamchat

1:22 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @J\_W\_Little I think you will see a lot of people go straight from work. One Wed., a lot of people come over to @Cafe\_DuPont #bhamchat

1:22 am **dgarvich:** @sidewalkfilm THIS needs to be the entertainment district IMO. We don't need to build a new one! #bhamchat

1:23 am **Rebecca\_Pugh:** @dgarvich we have some great events here in Bham and most happen Downtown! #bhamchat

1:23 am **MoodyPaints:** @bhamchat OMG, are you serious? Of course we have to believe that Bham is open to a new future! That's why we live here! #bhamchat

1:23 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat Q5: Definitely open. #bhamchat

1:23 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Going back a little - public transp is one major obstacle in my opinion. We need to attack that, and Light Rail would be great! #bhamchat

1:23 am **Jon\_Lewis:** However, as @acnatta has said, "it would be nice to at least have buses." #bhamchat

1:24 am **chris\_depew:** @jsandford The history is very important. But sadly our brand around the world is dogs and hoses. Civic self esteem is awful here. #bhamchat

1:24 am **Jon\_Lewis:** "Birmingham" is open to a new future, but are the other 30 some odd municipalities? And, will they join? #bhamchat

1:24 am **johnmcurrie:** Q5 Birmingham proper is open...Birmingham metro is NOT (just look at the comments on al.com) #bhamchat

1:24 am **sidewalkfilm:** @Jon\_Lewis That is great! We love hosting folks from out of town! #bhamchat

1:24 am **J\_W\_Little:** @jsandford the civil rights era is the most momentous part of our history, & we should take pride that the movement happened here #bhamchat

1:25 am **acnatta:** @Jon\_Lewis no, I said most successful transit systems have buses to connect to the other components #bhamchat

1:25 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @chris\_depew Does the world think dogs and hoses or Alabama football first? #bhamchat

1:25 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @johnmcurrie: Q5 Birmingham proper is open...Birmingham metro is NOT (just look at the comments on al.com) #bhamchat

1:25 am **thegeekwife:** Q5: I agree with @Jon\_Lewis , it is open but light rail needs to be part of that future. #bhamchat

1:25 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @acnatta I'm sorry. I thought you would love light rail, but would take buses as a start (agree that both are needed). #bhamchat

1:26 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @sidewalkfilm: @Jon\_Lewis That is great! We love hosting folks from out of town! #bhamchat

1:26 am **bhamchat:** We hope folks will answer Q5 as it is the basis for tomorrow's Dear Birmingham column on @bhamterminal #bhamchat

1:27 am **jsandford:** @J\_W\_Little Not denying that it was imp. It was an event in time that changed the world, but isn't the definition of our city. #bhamchat

1:27 am **MoodyPaints:** @Jon\_Lewis We elect our representatives in each of these municipalities. We MUST make sure that their viewpoints match our vision #bhamchat

1:27 am **Jon\_Lewis:** While this doesn't directly address Q5, I spoke to several Penn State fans down here, and they loved our city and the people. #bhamchat

1:28 am **J\_W\_Little:** Whether or not bham is closed or open is irrelevant the future is coming and the city gov & biz leaders will act in the interest #bhamchat

1:28 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints But, that's part of the problem. We only elect the ones in OUR city, not the whole region. #bhamchat

1:28 am **bhamchat:** Anyone have any links or info to share with the rest of the folks tonight? #bhamchat

1:28 am **J\_W\_Little:** Of the region and will drag the naysayees kicking and screaming if they have too #bhamchat

1:29 am **Jon\_Lewis:** Not to get too out there, but a new State Constitution might help as well. Why should the State vote on local issues? #bhamchat

1:29 am **socialmediabham:** @EatBHM great quote there! Hits Q4 on the nose! #bhamchat

1:29 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @Jon\_Lewis: Not to get too out there, but a new State Constitution might help as well. Why should the State vote on local issues? #bhamchat

1:29 am **MoodyPaints:** @Jon\_Lewis But if the ones in OUR cities are willing to cooperate with the others, we should know that...#bhamchat Some are NOT!

1:30 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat We have a film filming in the city right now which I think is exciting stuff. #bhamchat

1:30 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @MoodyPaints Agreed!!! #bhamchat

1:30 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @thegeekwife What film? #bhamchat

1:30 am **ramsaytroy:** UAB is having a blood drive next week #bhamchat

1:30 am **chris\_depew:** Q5 #bham is open to change if it doesn't cost anything, you can park at the door and it doesn't interfere with church or football. #bhamchat

1:30 am **RhodesDavis:** #bhamchat Parents need to get comfy w/ taking kids downtown. I do but how many fellow outliers do?

1:30 am **dgarvich:** @thegeekwife I saw them filming the other day. Any word on what it's about? They were at The Lyric. #bhamchat

1:31 am **sidewalkfilm:** my plug - Sidewalk is next weekend in Downtown. Come check it out if you have never been. www.sidewalkfest.com #bhamchat

1:31 am **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: Q5 (LAST Q) Do you think that Birmingham is "closed" or "open" to a new future? #bhamchat #bham

1:31 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q5 (LAST Q) Do you think that Birmingham is "closed" or "open" to a new future? #bhamchat #bham

1:31 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon\_Lewis The film October Baby was in my husband's building downtown filming today with John



Schneider. #bhamchat

- 1:32 am **dgarvich:** @RhodesDavis took my two to artwalk, was awesome for them! #bhamchat
- 1:32 am **J\_W\_Little:** @Jon\_Lewis yeah the local govs cant do much under the restrictions of the constitution but that will take the whole state 2 change #bhamchat
- 1:32 am **Jon\_Lewis:** RT @sidewalkfilm: my plug - Sidewalk is next weekend in Downtown. Come check it out if you have never been. www.sidewalkfest.com #bhamchat
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- 1:32 am **frontporches:** RT @sidewalkfilm: my plug - Sidewalk is next weekend in Downtown. Come check it out if you have never been. www.sidewalkfest.com #bhamchat
- 1:32 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @thegeekwife What building? #bhamchat
- 1:32 am **thegeekwife:** @dgarvich It is about a girl traveling from Bham to N.O and on the way she meets her birth mother in Mobile. #bhamchat
- 1:32 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @sidewalkfilm: my plug - Sidewalk is next weekend in Downtown. Come check it out if you have never been. www.sidewalkfest.com #bhamchat
- 1:33 am **bhamchat:** Thanks to everyone for participating this evening! We'll see you next week for #bhamchat! We'll share the archive soon.
- 1:33 am **Jon\_Lewis:** @bhamchat Thanks to @acnatta and @bhamterminal. Goodnight everyone! #bhamchat
- 1:33 am **MoodyPaints:** @thegeekwife I'll have to check it out...Sounds interesting #bhamchat #sidewalkfilm
- 1:34 am **thegeekwife:** Thank you everyone have a great night. #bhamchat
- 1:34 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat thanks for hosting yet again. Good one tonight! :) #bhamchat
- 1:34 am **sidewalkfilm:** @bhamchat Thanks had a great time chatting with everyone!! #bhamchat
- 1:34 am **johnmcurrie:** first time joining the chat! had a great time! #bhamchat
- 1:35 am **acnatta:** FYI - @wordcampbham is this Saturday! More info - <http://bit.ly/ahf8R> #wcbhm10 #bhamchat
- 1:37 am **RhodesDavis:** #bhamchat @dgarvich Going dtn seems so foreign to my peers unless for work.
- 1:40 am **sandybirmingham:** @sidewalkfilm I hope the weather stays just like this- With food, drinks, music & movies, there's NO reason NOT to stay all day! #bhamchat
- 1:42 am **socialmediabham:** . #bhamchat Q5: depends on which #silo you ask. Uniting Birmingham, I feel, would open the future. Old teaching new AND new helping old.