

Transcript from September 21, 2010 to September 22, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

September 21, 2010

11:57 pm **bhamchat:** dropping in for a moment everyone - we actually didn't publicize #bhamchat this week; didn't know if folks were ready for it or not?

September 22, 2010

12:06 am **bhamchat:** @bhamwiki very quiet night though right now, what topic would you like to cover tonight? #bhamchat

12:09 am **whoatemyblog:** #bhamchat Do you know if any arrests have been made in the southside rape case?

12:10 am **bhamwiki:** @bhamchat : proposed #bhamchat Q1: What should we be doing with our spiffy new park?

12:11 am **bhamchat:** @bhamwiki we've actually covered that previously, but we could again #bhamchat

12:12 am **bhamchat:** @whoatemyblog no arrest but there have been descriptions released - via @myfoxa1 - <http://bit.ly/bv4FPv> #bhamchat

12:14 am **bhamwiki:** @bhamchat #bhamchat revised Q1: Now that we've seen it in the flesh, what should we do with our spiffy new @railroadpark?

12:15 am **whoatemyblog:** @bhamchat Thank you #bhamchat

12:15 am **bhamchat:** If you've got any questions for #bhamchat, send a reply to us without the hashtag.

12:16 am **magiccityonline:** #bhamchat So what's happening here?

12:17 am **acnatta:** @magiccityonline a weekly chat about Birmingham, AL - <http://bit.ly/p8FA2> #bhamchat

12:19 am **acnatta:** Q1: I'm thinking that 5 days hasn't been long enough, but I could be wrong... #bhamchat

12:20 am **toddbob3:** #bhamchat pleeease don't let it go the way of other parks. Keep undesirables out. Particularly vulnerable with sketchy location.

12:22 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat anybody know the @railroadpark security details? I know they have 360° cameras on posts, emergency phones and guards in a cart.

12:24 am **somesoma:** First #bhamchat I've been able to attend in a long time. Haven't made it to the new Railroad Park yet, but will soon. Happy to have it.

12:26 am **bhamchat:** Q1 @bhamwiki they also have guards on bikes, CAP patrol, UAB Police and Birmingham City police patrols. #bhamchat

12:27 am **bhamchat:** Q2 in 4 minutes! #bhamchat

12:27 am **somesoma:** Q1 I wonder if CAPS will expand to patrol Railroad Park #bhamchat

12:29 am **somesoma:** Well that answers my thought on Q1. Also "undesirables" comment is unclear. Begs to define "public space" and vagrancy laws #bhamchat

12:29 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q1: That's a lot of agencies. Maybe @railroadpark should have a formal "changing of the guard" as a photo op.

12:31 am **bhamchat:** Q2 Should the #bham City Council have dipped into savings for @BCRlorg? - <http://bit.ly/diNQhN> #bhamchat

12:32 am **somesoma:** Q2 I'm wondering why it was such a surprise. Seems like a funding emergency would have sounded alarms much sooner #bhamchat

12:34 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q2: Not much choice at present. Wish @BCRlorg crisis had been averted beforehand, but it may be our most important destination.

12:35 am **somesoma:** Q2 New spending is unpopular in this political climate, but could we have afforded the sociopolitical backlash of having it close? #bhamchat

12:35 am **xlprez:** RT @bhamchat: Q1 @bhamwiki they also have guards on bikes, CAP patrol, UAB Police and Birmingham City police patrols. #bhamchat

12:38 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q2 Sounds like @BCRlorg board needs to step it up, and fast. They've had recent fund raising and membership drives.

12:41 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat Q1 I work down there and leave late all the time... doesn't feel sketch to me #bhamchat

12:44 am **somesoma:** Q2 With Michele Norris coming to town Monday to discuss her book on race, it might stimulate more giving to @BCRlorg #bhamchat

12:45 am **bhamchat:** Q3 in 2 minutes! #bhamchat

12:46 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q2: @somesoma Putting @BCRlorg on the nat'l radar for gifts & grants is a no-brainer. If

folks care about nothing else in #bham...

12:48 am **bhamchat:** Q3 (via @dgarvich) - Should #bham City Council cancel the Birmingham Airport Authority's lease? - <http://bit.ly/dcLhLB> #bhamchat

12:52 am **thegeekwife:** I guess I missed most of #bhamchat tonight, dam.

12:53 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat wow... guess my question killed the conversation? I grew up over there, so maybe I'm the only one who cares. :P #bhamchat

12:54 am **somesoma:** Heading out early to enjoy Restaurant Week! Hope some of you will join me this week! #bhamchat

12:55 am **thegeekwife:** @dgarvich What was your question? I am just now joining in. #bhamchat

12:55 am **acnatta:** Q3 @dgarvich it's an important question; some folks just don't understand why... #bhamchat

12:59 am **dgarvich:** RT @bhamchat: Q3 (via @dgarvich) - Should #bham City Council cancel the Birmingham Airport Authority's lease? - <http://bit.ly/dcLhLB> #bhamchat

1:00 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q3 No. They should consider censuring Council President Royal, though.

1:02 am **dgarvich:** RT @bhamwiki: #bhamchat Q3 No. They should consider censuring Council President Royal, though. <- Hah! I love this!

1:05 am **bhamchat:** Q4 Thoughts on the council supporting plans to pay for a new downtown #bham ballpark? <http://bit.ly/bDJDNx> #bhamchat

1:06 am **chris_depew:** @dgarvich it just adds to the overall perception that some #bham pols are too crooked/crazy to consider partnering with city. #bhamchat

1:07 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4: Re: Ballpark. It would be a good investment for the city if a long-term deal is reached with the @BhamBarons. Otherwise, no.

1:09 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat Q4 We need to hear from #Barons as to whether they are on board or not. And need redevelopment plan for Regions Park. #bhamchat

1:10 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat #bhamchat Q4 - I'd like to see if we can get an AL MLB team (the A's?) to play there - Braves won't let us have an NL team. cont

1:11 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat #bhamchat Q4 - otherwise a park has very limited utility, and the Barons do too well at Regions park to move imo.

1:13 am **thegeekwife:** @dgarvich I am with you. I don't believe the Barons moving should be a condition of the stadium being built downtown. #bhamchat

1:14 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4 I'd love to see MLB or even AAA in a downtown park (with the @BhamBarons name) and for Hoover to have a AA or A team. But...

1:15 am **bhamchat:** interesting thing to remember re: Q4, UAB has also been mentioned as a possible tenant. #bhamchat

1:15 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4 But I've heard baseball doesn't allow such double-dipping.

1:15 am **bhamchat:** FYI - you don't have to reply to us; just use the #bhamchat hashtag, you'll save space :)

1:15 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat #bhamchat Q4 I'm a BIG White Sox fan, but if we had an AL team I'd buy AT LEAST two season tix, probably 4.

1:16 am **chris_depew:** @thegeekwife Sad to say, but #Barons in current home very bland product. Cookie cutter stadium in subdivision. #bhamchat

1:17 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4: UAB baseball alone can't justify #bham's \$40 million capital investment. We could buy a brick at Blazers Field though.

1:18 am **acnatta:** Q4 @bhamwiki currently Yankees & Mets in NYC have Single A teams nearby in city (Staten Island, Brooklyn respectively) #bhamchat

1:19 am **cbrannon:** @bhamwiki The Atlanta area has both MLB and AA. So it is allowed. BUT they also have millions more people than us #bhamchat

1:20 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4: I don't know the rules. But people have used that argument when I've suggested a AAA Barons in #bham and a "Hoover Hazits".

1:20 am **chris_depew:** @bhamwiki I think he meant UAB football. Not that I think that's a good idea. #bhamchat

1:20 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q4: Plus, if we had a downtown team and a suburban team, it would be #bham vs. the suburbs again. No progress.

1:22 am **cbrannon:** @bhamwiki I just think that we don't have enough people for two teams, no matter what their affiliation is. #bhamchat

1:23 am **bhamwiki:** @chris_depew using a baseball park for econ. dev. (dining + bars) works with 81 home games x 9,000 , not 4 or 5 x 30,000. #bhamchat

1:23 am **jasondcooper:** We don't have the population to support an MLB team in #Bham, unfortunately. I'd love to see it here! #bhamchat

1:24 am **dgarvich:** @Cbrannon @bhamwiki #bhamchat Q4 I concur, that's why I think an existing attraction (the Zoo) might be a good investment.

1:24 am **bhamchat:** We've got time for folks to share links for upcoming events or useful information - #bhamchat

1:25 am **dgarvich:** #bhamchat Q4: BTW - RE: population woes, the reason I said the A's is that the Barons apparently get better attendance than them.

- 1:25 am **ramsaytroj:** If a AAA/MLB team was downtown no one would go see the Barons that is what happened in Memphis when they built a park #bhamchat
- 1:26 am **thegeekwife:** RT @jasondcooper: We don't have the population to support an MLB team in #Bham, unfortunately. I'd love to see it here! #bhamchat
- 1:27 am **ramsaytroj:** The Braves are the reason we wont get a MLB team not population #bhamchat
- 1:28 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat promo: join @BHMBizAlliance for unveiling of #blueprintbirmingham @railroadpark this Thursday evening.
- 1:29 am **cbrannon:** RT @jasondcooper: We don't have the population to support an MLB team in #Bham, unfortunately. I'd love to see it here! #bhamchat
- 1:29 am **ramsaytroj:** If the park was big enough then UAB football would move there in a heart beat #bhamchat
- 1:30 am **jasondcooper:** @ramsaytroj You think the metro is big enough to sustain a MLB team? Ala. has four AA clubs, so maybe... #bhamchat
- 1:31 am **dgarvich:** @jasondcooper @ramsaytroj an awful lot of people drive 3 hours to Braves games. #bhamchat
- 1:33 am **ramsaytroj:** think we are so ingrained with the Braves that Bham wouldnt want another MLB team in our market #bhamchat
- 1:33 am **bhamchat:** #bhamchat promo: watch @bhamterminal's @acnatta take part in #bxb2010 on Friday AM - <http://bit.ly/bF4FGd>
- 1:33 am **jasondcooper:** @ramsaytroj I don't how it works but don't the team owners have to sign on as well? #bhamchat
- 1:33 am **bhamchat:** Y'all have been great! We'll see you next week! #bhamchat
- 1:34 am **ramsaytroj:** @jasondcooper I'm not 100% but that sounds right #bhamchat
- 1:34 am **jasondcooper:** @dgarvich You have a good point there, they do come in for the bigs. #bhamchat
- 1:35 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat thanks for hosting this again. I've got to run attend to children, it's a weekly pleasure everyone! #bhamchat
- 1:37 am **ramsaytroj:** This was a Cardinal city before the Braves so maybe with time we would support a MLB team #bhamchat
- 1:39 am **jasondcooper:** @bhamchat Just caught the tail end of this, my first #bhamchat. I hope to join you all again soon.