



Several people have received emails in recent days linking to [a survey](#) that is part of a privately financed study to “determine the feasibility of building a new ballpark in downtown Birmingham that could become the new home of the [Birmingham Barons](#) minor league baseball team.”

There has been several hints in recent years that some people would like to see the Barons return to playing within the city limits of Birmingham.

In April, [the Birmingham Business Journal](#) told readers that approximately \$40,000 in private funds had been put up for the study.

[Several reports last summer](#) mentioned the Merita bakery across from [the soon-to-be completed Railroad Park](#) in Birmingham’s Southside was a possible location, though not specific site has been suggested in [the 27-question survey](#). The story received new attention in January when [Birmingham City Councilor Johnathan Austin](#) suggested that the city providing additional financial support for a survey.

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