



*The Terminal* and other area news organizations received [the joint statement](#) early this afternoon via email. It's the result of a meeting between Andrew Collins, owner of [Lyric Hot Dogs](#), and Brant Breene, executive director of Birmingham Landmarks - the organization responsible for the operation of the [Alabama Theatre](#) and the restoration efforts underway at the Lyric Theatre (pictured to your left in September).

[A copy of the statement has been uploaded as a PDF](#) to our site.

[The document](#) states that while possible options were considered this morning, "code issues and other realities left the Lyric team with no choice for us to stay in our current location," according to Collins. It went on to state he would focus on his new business, [The Collins Bar](#) (located in the former Metro Bistro location on 2nd Avenue North).

Most people learned of the plans for Lyric Hot Dogs to close in January after receiving a 90-day notice to vacate via status updates to Facebook late last week. [A commentary was filed by John Archibald for al.com](#) and *The Birmingham News* on Monday, with [Weld for Birmingham publishing an expanded piece about the situation in their current issue](#). [A statement has also been posted on the Lyric Theatre's fan page on Facebook via their photo album courtesy of the board chairman, G. Daniel Evans](#), pertaining to comments made on the popular social network with regard to Birmingham Landmarks executive director Brant Breene.