

Dear Mayor and Council members,

Citizens need to know that the city is spending one million dollars of taxpayer money to renovate the Fish Hatchery Buildings for the benefit of one private citizen.

The Hatchery rent is intended to be \$5,000 a month, the same that the La Crosse Visitors and Convention Bureau (a non-profit) was asked to pay, according to the city. The building will continue to be maintained with taxpayer money during the proposed 20-year lease. Hatchery LLC will not even pay taxes. This is not a good investment of taxpayer money or city resources!

On June 21st the Tribune reported city leaders saying the building would be a coffee shop. The city is now saying a Wedding Venue, Airbnb, Pub inside and "European" Biergarten outside. All will be open daily 11am to park closing hours. Have you been to a "European" Biergarten? They are raucous!

The Airbnb will have 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a full residential kitchen. Manor on Main rents for \$558 per night. This is one of many Airbnbs owned by Tiffany Smith, the prospective tenant, as Meraki Properties LLC, Usonia LLC, Meraki Design CO LLC, and Hatchery LLC. \$5,000 rent will be a small fee for a prime location that will render over \$500 per night. What happens to the park with overnight quests?

Taxpayers should not be forced to spend one million dollars to turn publicly owned buildings into a private business to line the pockets of one citizen.

Please keep Riverside Park for all the people, La Crosse citizens and all the visitors to our city. Please vote No on the rezoning and proposed Wedding Venue that will be in our public park and be competing with our local businesses.

Concerned citizen, John Green