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I'm writing in opposition to the suggested use of the building above as a wedding venue. During receptions the garden would feel like a private space for wedding participants and would make garden visitors unwelcome and uncomfortable. Parking for the gardens would be full for wedding goers as well.

I appreciate your concern in searching for an appropriate revenue maker in the building, but not at the expense of garden visitors. I have weeded many times in the garden and have noticed it is frequently visited by older folks who may feel uncomfortable negotiating a crowded space, especially among people who are or have been drinking.

What about using the upper floor for a meeting space for groups that are charged a fee. The bottom could be a visitor center for La Crosse, perhaps selling a few nicer quality tshirts with Elmer's eagle sculpture on it.

Thank you for your open minded issue on this. I appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,  
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