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Hello, I was unable to participate in the question and answer session held on September 13th regarding the hatchery building in Riverside Park. I had wanted to bring up a topic that I have not heard discussed. When the Hiawatha statue was removed, I remember there was some discussion about how to honor the native Americans that once lived in our area, whether it be through an art object, or some type of learning opportunity. Has this idea been abandoned? The building would be a perfect place for this opportunity to educate our residents and visitors about this part of LaCrosse's history. This would be a wonderful complement to a visitor center or coffee shop/ local art gallery, which would be for all to attend during open hours. I also wanted to express that although most of our residents know the dangers of the Mississippi, people from out of town, mixed with alcohol, that close to the river, may not be a good idea. I also have heard many young professionals that choose to live in LaCrosse, rather than move to a larger community, as we are close to larger cultural events yet we have the advantage of the surrounding beauty without the bustle of a larger city. I respectfully disagree that young people choose to move to other places because of lack of places to go. That is what is so special about our city.

Please forward this to any person that held the discussion, to receive my feedback. Thank you.

Barb Heintz

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