



RE-ENTRY FINAL CHAPTER:

A “NO BRAINER,” TRANSITIONING EX-CONS FROM FACILITIES ON DOC PROPERTY BEFORE RETURNING THEM TO OUR COMMUNITIES

HAVING EX CONS TRANSITION BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN DORMITORY SEMI-SUPERVISED BUILDINGS ON “DOC” GROUNDS SOUNDS LIKE A SENSIBLE APPROACH. PERHAPS IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT RHODE ISLANDER’S WILL NEVER SEE THIS CONCEPT BECOME REALITY. AS BUILDINGS LIKE THE DONALD PRICE MEDIUM SECURITY FACILITY HOLDING 300 INMATES, WERE CLOSED RHODE ISLANDER’S NEW NEIGHBORS WILL BECOME MORE ABUNDANT WITH FORMERLY INCARCERATED ON PROBATION. CURRENT STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2014 PROBATION AND PAROLE FOR THE RHODE ISLAND “ DOC” STAND AT 23,819 FORMERLY INCARCERATED ON PROBATION AND PAROLE, WITH ONLY 8,101 UNDER ACTIVE SUPERVISION. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES AND POSSIBLY YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS.

HARRINGTON HALL IS AN ANTIQUATED FACILITY THAT HOUSES UP TO 100 HOMELESS AND PROBATION LOW OFFENDERS WHEN NECESSARY ON THE “ DOC” GROUNDS. THIS POPULATION INCLUDES HOMELESS, LOW RISK PROBATIONERS, AND A SMALL CLUSTER OF ABOUT 5 SEX OFFENDERS ON THE REGISTRY AND CLOSELY MONITORED BY CRANSTON PD. AT THE TIME OF THE ALLIANCE VISIT AND INTERVIEW IN 2012 , THE BUILDINGS DISREPAIR AND UNINHABITABILITY WAS QUITE EVIDENT. MYSELF , SENATE CANDIDATE BOB LANCIA, WITH THE GRACIOUSNESS OF” HOUSE OF HOPE” DIRECTOR, JEAN JHONSON, WERE GIVEN A

TOUR. THE FACILITY WAS INHERITED BY THE URBAN LEAGUE BY "HOUSE OF HOPE" WHO WERE MAKING THE MOST OF THE LEAST THEY INHERITED. THE FACILITY OFFERED POSSIBLY 3 URNINALS AND 2 SHOWERS, AS WELL AS CEILINGS LEAKING AND MOLD INFESTATION. THE BUILDING WAS HARDLY HABITAL FOR HUMANS NEVER MIND CATTLE. RESIDENTS WERE GIVEN THE BEST PROGRAMING POSSIBLE AND ALLOWED IN AROUND 5PM AND EXITED AT 7AM FOR APPOINTMENTS, OR RIDE BUS LINES, OR LOITER. THE FUNDING AND FACILITY HARDLY WERE ABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

IRONICALLY WHILE HOMELESS AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED LOW RISK OFFENDERS WERE HELD UP IN HARRINGTON HALL, ANOTHER VACANT BUILDING KNOWN AS THE GLORIA MCDONALD FACILITY REMAINED UNUSED ON " DOC" GROUNDS. FORMERLY A WOMANS PRISON AND VALUED AT AN ESTIMATE" 6\$ MILLION DOLLARS " WAS (MOVE IN READY). RE ENTRY OF UP TO 300 FORMERLY INCARCERATED LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS AND HOMELESS WOULD HAVE IT'S NEEDS MET STATEWIDE. THE FIVE SEX OFFENDERS RESIDING IN HARRINGTON HALL WERE INTENDED TO BE MOVED TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION SO AS TO APPEASE RESIDENTS OF WESTERN CRANSTON WHO'S MAIN OBJECTION TO HARRINGTON HALL WAS IN FACT THE PRESENCE OS THESE SEX OFFENDERS.

RATHER THAN ACTIONS BEING DICTATED WITH LOGIC , A POLITICALLY DRIVEN HYSTERIA WAS CONCEIVED . WITH A RE- ELECTION ON THE HORIZON FOR REPRESENTATIVE MATTIELLO AND SENATOR HANNAH GALLO AS WELL AS HELP FROM THE SELF APPOINTED , " GLEN WOOD HILLS CRIME WATCH GROUP", MISINFORMATION DISSEMINATED QUICKLY. RUMORS OF SEX OFFENDERS WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND FALSE REPORTS OF A SEX OFFENDER PLAYING THE PIANO AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY CREATED AN INCINDIARY REACTION FROM LOCALS.HOUSE BREAKINS SOMEHOW BECAME PART OF THE DIALOGUE WHEN IN FACT THEY WERE SEPARATE ISSUES. REASSURANCE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS ALONG WITH MAYOR FUNG AND POLICE CHIEF PALUMBO SEEMED TO BOTH SUBDUE AND CONFUSE THE ENRAGED CRIME WATCH ORGANIZERS AND RESIDENTS AT THEIR GATHERING AT GLENN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. THE GLORIA MCDONALD BUILDING PLANS WOULD BE "QUASHED" REASSURED BY REPRESENTATIVE MATTIELLO AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. A

FACILITY THAT WAS A "PROJECT READY" FOR RESIDENCY, OFFICES, AND PROGRAMS WOULD NOT MOVE FORWARD BASED ON THE FEARS OF RESIDENCE AND REINFORCED BY LEADERSHIP. FOLLOWUP MEETINGS WITH THE GOVERNOR, YIELDED AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000 DOLLARS GIVEN TO HARRINGTON HALL TO PATCH UP THE ROOF AND ADD TOILETTE FACILITIES WITH DREAMS OF OFFICES IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING.

THE RESULT AND IMPACT FOR ALL RHODE ISLANDER'S IS THAT A LINE IN THE SAND HAS BEEN DRAWN. RATHER THAN DEVELOP SUCCESSFUL RE ENTRY FACILITIES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE ACI, INDIVIDUALS EXITING THE PRISON WILL CONTINUE TO BE RELEASED THROUGHOUT RHODE ISLAND IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES WITHOUT YOUR INPUT AT ALL.

HOW IRONIC THAT A PRISON BUILT IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND SERVES NOT ONLY TO PROTECT IT'S CITIZENS BUT ALSO HAS BECOME A LUCRATIVE FINANCIAL ASSET FOR THE CITY AND STATE, HAS BECOME A SOCIAL INCONVENIENCE. AS A COMMUNITY BUILT ITSELF SURROUNDING THE PRISON DISREGARDING IT'S PURPOSE AND NOW FEEL THE PRIORITY IS REMOVING IT'S DISPLEASING AESTHETIC PRESENCE. THIS HAS LED TO SUPPORTING A MONEY DRIVEN AGENDA TO PLACE EX-CONS IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM PRISON. NON PROFITS ARE THRIVING FROM THIS AGENDA WITH STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING. THE COMMUNITIES GOAL TO RID THEMSELVES OF HARRINGTON HALL AND THE FIVE VILLIFIED SEX OFFENDERS BACKFIRED ON THEM. THEIR LOSS WAS THE GAIN OF REELECTION AND SUPPORT OF LEADERSHIP THAT TOOK THEM DOWN A SELF FULLFILLING DEAD END ROAD.

THE GLORIA MCDONALD BUILDING ESTIMATED AT \$6 MILLION DOLLARS IS CURRENTLY UTILIZED FOR STORAGE. THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED MOVED TO A TRANSITIONAL FACILITY ON DOC GROUNDS, WITH HOME CONFINEMENT OFFICERS IN PLACE OF LESSER THE SALARY OF STANDARD C/O'S IS SQUASHED.

MY MESSAGE TO RHODE ISLANDER'S IS REDUNDANT: " RE-ENTRY IS COMING TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU" !

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