



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

VETERANS AFFAIRS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Royer
Meeting Date:	January 21, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	<u>Tracey Towers</u> 40 West Mosholu Parkway South, Bronx, NY 10468 (Building 40, Community Room B)
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernard Wright <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Rijkaard <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes

I) Introduction

II) Review Of Previous Minutes

A) The November 19, 2025, meeting minutes were approved, motioned by Jean Hill, seconded by Alfred Grant.

III) Review From Previous Meeting

A) None

IV) New Business

A) Neighborhood Self Help by Older Person Project (SHOPP)- Jenasia Rivera, Outreach Coordinator

1) Neighborhood Self Help by Older Person Project is a non-profit organization that services older adults in the Bronx. Services include Caregivers Program, Elder Justice Program, Violence Prevention and Intervention, Case Management Program for homebound adults, and Friendly Visiting Program.

2) The Friendly Visiting Program is a volunteer program designed to assist homebound adults who may have medical issues or mobility issues. Volunteers would provide weekly calls and check-ins with

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seniors, and the goal is to build partnerships while preventing social isolation. Volunteers can contribute to as little as 15 minutes to one hour a week.

3) Interested individuals must be 18 years or older, provide two professional references, and do a background check. Volunteers do not necessarily have to be in New York, as volunteers can work virtually or in-person.

4) The website is <http://www.nshopp.org> Jenasia Rivera can be reached at jrivera@nshopp.org

B) Notification of Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensary License

Application: L A FFOCA LLC, 53 West Fordham Road, Store 1, Bronx, NY 10468

1) CB7 received a notification of an application for adult use retail cannabis dispensary for recreational use. The address is 53 West Fordham Road, Store 1, Bronx NY 10468.

2) Motion by Jean Hill for a letter of recommendation for the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to approve the application for cannabis dispensary at 53 West Fordham Road, Store 1, Bronx NY 10468, seconded by Deahna Penn. 5 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.

3) The application will be presented to the full board on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 for a vote.

V) Adjournment

A) The next meeting for the Veterans Committee will be on February 18, 2026.

B) Motion to adjourn meeting by Jean Hill, seconded by Alfred Grant.