

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Volman read the Land Acknowledgement

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Diana Volman, Sasha Razor, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Eugene Maysky.

**ABSENT:** Alex Tolocenco, Valentina Matiji, Ekaterina Kutepova.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:** *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda.*

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Motion by Member Maysky to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by a roll call vote.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the previous Russian Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Aguf to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Levitan, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Maysky spoke about the CES seminars and introduced the flyers for the ongoing events.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.A FOLLOW UP ON 2023 WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Subject:** The board members followed up on the events of the 2023 West Hollywood Russian-speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month, WeHo Mishka Festival 2023, Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation, Victory in Europe Day and Yom HaShoah event, and made recommendations for the future. The board members made a motion to start planning some of the events in August.

**Public Comment: Marina Goldshteyn**, JFS Activity Coordinator, spoke about the Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation.

**Eugene Maysky** spoke about the exclusivity of the awards presentation.

**Raisa Aguf** spoke about the value of the presentation.

**Diana Volman** also spoke about the importance of the event and its value.

**Raisa Aguf** spoke about marketing of the events.

**Diana Volman** spoke about Yom HaShoah Event and Victory in Europe Day Documentary

**Action:** Board members discussed the events. Made recommendations for the future. Member Maysky made a motion to include into the August meeting agenda a discussion on the events for the year 2024. Seconded by Chair Volman. Motion passed by the roll call vote.

### **9.B. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives.

**Action: Staff informed the board regarding the status of the purchasing a grand piano for the West Hollywood Park Facilities. No new actions taken. Below are the initiatives that the board will be focusing on.**

1. Grand Piano for West Hollywood Park
2. Jewish Cultural Festival during High Holidays in WeHo
3. Initiate increase of the cultural programs for children in the community center of Plummer Park

### **9.C. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Subject:** Board members will receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

**Action:** There were no updates.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no items from the board members.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:19 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **July 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM **in person** at West Hollywood City Hall in Community Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON