

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013**

**Community Conference Room, City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Raisa Aguf called the meeting to order at 7:20 P M
2. Diana Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3 Roll Call – Board Members present: Raisa Aguf, Andrey Pronin, Diana Volman, Larisa Danilova, Yefim Stolyarsky, Vika Safrigina.

Valentina Matiji, Lyubov Levitan were absent.
4. Approval of Agenda: Raisa Aguf made a motion to approve agenda, seconded by Diana Volman
5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2013. Diana Volman made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrey Pronin
6. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cathy Blaivas talked about the preservation of the Plummer Park's historic buildings Great Hall and Long Hall and thanked the Russian Advisory Board for their support. **Stephanie J. Harker** congratulated the board on a very successful Russian Style Festival and thanked the board for the support of the historical designation of the buildings in Plummer Park. Ms Harker also spoke about upcoming National Night **Marina Berkman** spoke about the social services provided by the Comprehensive Service Center in Plummer Park to the members of the Russian Speaking Community and asked to refer people

- 7 **RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**
There were no comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. CULTURAL EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Tatyana Rodzinek distributed the draft letter that the Russian Advisory Board requested her to prepare regarding the use of space at 7362 Santa Monica Blvd
Lev Volovik, spoke regarding the proposal of the Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation to create an eclectic Tea Room for various cultural programs
Stephanie Harker spoke in support of such usage.
Diana Volman spoke in support of the proposal

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

Lev Volovik, Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation, spoke about the event.

Yefim Stolyarsky spoke about the event and thanked the City of West Hollywood, Russian Advisory Board and Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation for a very warm and touching event.

9.B. RUSSIAN CULTURAL WEEK

Agassi Topchian spoke about the Festival and the Russian Community Awards Reception. Mr Topchian thanked the Russian Advisory Board for the assistance. Agassi said that the Festival was a huge success, he also praised the work of Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation and Lev Volovik for his hard work and dedication

Andrey Pronin spoke about the past event and made comments on what needs to be done for the future

Vika Safrigina said that unfortunately there were not enough young people at the event. Vika also said that every year it gets better, but the process of advertising and promoting the events needs to be improved

Diana Volman spoke about the Russian Community Awards Presentation and mentioned the lack of lighting

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no comments

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Harker spoke about East Side Task force that will take place on May 28 in Plummer Park and suggested that members of the Russian Advisory Board attend it because there are no representatives from the Russian speaking community

Agassi Topchian spoke about the work that Lev Volovik had done for the Russian Cultural week and Victory in Europe Day and said that Lev and Unity in Diversity Arts foundation deserve the highest recognition.

12. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

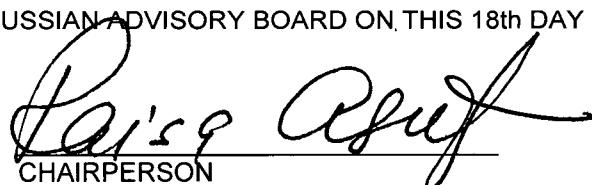
Raisa Aguf spoke about the proposal of the Pacific Foods Store would like to provide a shuttle service for the Russian Speaking Community and asked staff to find out if there is a way to find a place for the shuttle stop in West Hollywood

Raisa also spoke about the Russian Cultural Week events

13 ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35 PM to their next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2013

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2013



RAISA AGUF
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013**

**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER- ROOM 3
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Vice Chair Vika Safrigina called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. Roll Call – Board Members present: Andrey Pronin, Diana Volman, Vika Safrigina, Lyubov Levitan, Yefim Stolyarsky. Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek.

Raisa Aguf, Larisa Danilova, Valentina Matiji were absent

3. Approval of Agenda: Lyubov Levitan made a motion to approve agenda, seconded by Andrey Pronin.
4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2013. Diana Volman made a motion to approve, seconded by Yefim Stolyarsky.

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments

6. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Larry Block, Disability Advisory Board Chair-liaison to the Russian Advisory Board, spoke about the activities of the Disability Advisory Board (DAB) and about a possible collaboration with the Russian Advisory Board on issues pertaining to the Russian speaking community. Mr. Block suggested that Russian Advisory Board should assign liaisons to other boards and commissions.

Josh Kurpies, Senior Field Representative for Richard Bloom, Assemblymember 50th District. Mr. Kurpies spoke about Assemblymember Bloom who represents the City of West Hollywood and is working on different issues such as: job creation, improving public school funding and outcomes; providing services for seniors and the disabled; ending homelessness and protecting California's environment. Mr. Kurpies also presented a certificate to Yefim Stolyarsky on Behalf of the Assemblymember in honor of Mr. Stolyarsky's 90th birthday anniversary.

7. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION

There were no presentation; it will be scheduled for the next meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. RUSSIAN CULTURAL WEEK

Russian Advisory Board members discussed the Festival and the Community Awards Presentation.

Lika Osipova, spoke about presenting a media wall at the Russian Community Awards Reception. Lika said that she has an experience in putting together similar events and can assist the board with enhancing the event.

9.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

The board discussed the location of the event. The board members agreed that the event should take place in Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 11 a.m. Yefim Stolyarsky informed the board that the Veterans and other community based organizations will be coming to Plummer Park on May 9th to lay flowers in commemoration of those soldiers who lost their lives during WWII.

9.C. FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

Board members discussed the International Women's Day event.

Lyubov Levitan said that she heard a few negative opinions about some of the participants and said that the board should select participants more carefully in the future. **Andrey Pronin**, said that he didn't have a chance to attend the event but his mother did and enjoyed it very much.

Vika Safrigina said that the event had a lot of good reviews.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Tatiana Rodzinek informed the board about the budget workshop and distributed flyers

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

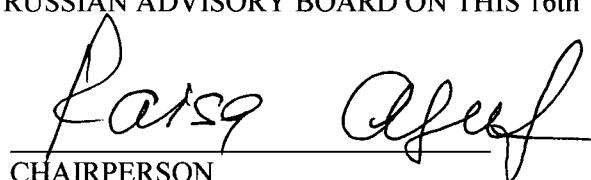
12. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 PM to their next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL 2013.



Parsa Afshar
Chairperson

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON