

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014**

**West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room  
at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Vika Safrigina called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. Diana Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Board Members present: Raisa Aguf, Diana Volman, Larisa Danilova, Alex Tolocenco, Andrey Pronin, Maria Shtabskaya, Vika Safrigina, and Lyubov Levitan. Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek.

Valentina Matiji was absent.

4. Approval of Agenda: Maria Shtabskaya made a motion to approve agenda, seconded by Diana Volman.
5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2014. Larisa Danilova made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrey Pronin.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Alexander Bazely**, Public Safety Commissioner, introduce himself and encouraged the board to bring public safety issues, if any, to the commission's attention and Alexander would be happy to assist.

**Aleksandr Gurevich**, Executive Vice President of the Media Analysis Foundation, a non-profit organization, spoke about a cultural event dedicated to the memory of a famous Russian actor Savely Kramorov and asked the board members for support.

**Roman Sharfman** spoke about another tribute to a famous Russian singer Anatoly Berkovich that will take place in Fiesta Hall on October 5, 2014 and asked the board to support the event.

**7. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Diana Volman spoke about the logistics for the concert dedicated to the memory of Anatoly Berkovich.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.A. UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS**

The board members voted to approve two tributes to be held in October.

Diana Volman said that she is still working on the possibility of having a Russian Cultural Show at Hummer Museum in Los Angeles.

#### **8.B.PLANNING RUSSIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2015**

**Andrey Pronin** spoke about the possibility of eliminating big stage and saving money for other activities.

**Vika Safrigina** spoke about the possibility of moving the big concert inside Fiesta Hall

**Maria Shtabskaya** spoke about adding a sit down area with small tables and chairs for having food

**Vika Safrigina** spoke about sending out some preliminary information to call for vendors and artists

**Diana Volman** spoke about making a call for volunteers; she also spoke about making a call for donations.

**Vika Safrigina** suggested that the board members obtain a detailed map of Plummer Park, so that they could plan the event. Vika also talked regarding RAB participating by possibly having a table at another festival, specifically Jewish Festival and approving funds required to do it.

### **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **10.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2014**

Lyubov Levitan asked the board members to share their opinion about the event

Larisa Danilova spoke about the music at the event and said that she didn't like it.

Alex Tolocenko spoke about the music at the event and said that performers were very funny and entertaining.

Vika Safrigina spoke about the purpose of the event and said that she feels that people come to the event only for food and don't understand and know the concept of the event.

Larisa Danilova spoke about sheriff's presence and Firefighters and said that she would like to see them interact more with the public. Alex Tolocenco seconded the statement.

Raisa Aguf said that she thinks it was the best NNO ever, everybody participated and it was a lot of fun.

**Vika Safrigina** spoke about the start time of the event and said that next year they should start at 6 p.m., which will bring more day time light to the event and make activities for kids more available.

**Lyubov Levitan** spoke about the West Gate Plaza event.

**Vika Safrigina** asked staff to find out if it is possible to move the event to Plummer Park.

### **10.ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Tatiana Rodzinek distributed the work plan information to the board and asked everybody to prepare for the next meeting's discussion. Tatiana also spoke regarding the Annual Congress that will take place on October 8.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments

**12. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**


There were no comments.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35 PM to their next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:   
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STAFF LIAISON