

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Yusupov called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Member Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL** - Board members present Alex Tolocenco, Raisa Aguf, Farhad Yusupov, Lyubov Levitan, and Valentina Matiji, Diana Volman, Larisa Danilova. Eugene Maysky, Ekaterina Kutepova were absent. Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek was also present.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Larisa Danilova made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, December 15, 2020 seconded by Raisa Aguf. Motion passed.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of November 17, 2020. Lyubov Levitan made a motion to approve, seconded by Larisa Danilova. Motion passed.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Siuzanna Iglidan, Global Musical Bridges, spoke about an event that will take place on Sunday, December 20 at 5:30 PM via zoom.

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

There were no comments.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.A. COVID-19 BUSINESS RECOVERY UPDATE FROM STAFF**

**Subject:** The Russian advisory Board members will receive update from Tara Worden, Business Development Analyst of the City of West Hollywood and Paolo Kespradit, management specialist.

**Action:** Received update, asked questions and provided feedback

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2021**

**Subject:** The Russian Advisory Board will discuss the format of the event and select the date.

**Action:** Continued discussion on the format of the virtual event. Board members discussed ideas and the theme of the event.

**The following ideas were suggested by the members:** Create a slideshow dedicated to women in West Hollywood; concert, masks distribution, bring flower arrangements to senior buildings in WeHo; hang a banner(s) dedicated to women; a conversation about women who inspire others; talk show: Women about women; children writing contest about mothers; upload stories and compositions to the website; create an announcement about writing contest; interview women known in the community.

**9.B. RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL 2020 and 2021**

**Subject:** Board members will discuss the ways to create a project dedicated to the celebration of Russian cultural heritage

**Action:** Received information from staff, discussed, and asked staff to provide information on the virtual platforms and the ways to promote the event. The board members asked staff to explore possibilities of the ways of promoting the event on the city webpage.

**9. C. UPCOMING CULTURAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

**Subject:** Board members will receive information regarding upcoming events.

**Action:** Received information from staff regarding various cultural events in the City of West Hollywood.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

There were no comments.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:54 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 7 PM at via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

DocuSigned by:

*Farhad*

CHAIRPERSON

DocuSigned by:

*Tatiana Rodzinek*

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON