

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Yusupov called the meeting to order at 7:08 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, January 19, 2021 seconded by Raisa Aguf. Motion passed.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of December 15, 2020. Lyubov Levitan made a motion to approve, seconded by Larisa Danilova. Motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. INTRODUCTION FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY POET LAUREATE BRIAN SONIA-WALLACE

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will receive introduction from West Hollywood City Poet Laureate Brian Sonia-Wallace.

Action: Received information, asked questions, and provided feedback.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2021

Subject: The Russian Advisory Board will continue discussion on the event.

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

The following ideas were discussed and voted for:

1. Announce a writing contest dedicated to women for two age categories:
 - Teens up to 18 years of age
 - 18+
2. Announce cash prizes of \$100 for the best 5 compositions.
3. Have professional actors read the stories.

4. Create a video gallery with short interviews of women in the community about their life stories. Ask all women answer the following questions in their recorded stories:
 - What makes you proud to be a part of West Hollywood?
 - Share one episode from your life experience that is the most memorable?
 - What would be your message to the other women?

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

Subject: Board members will discuss some projects 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

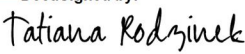
The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:37 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 7 PM at via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

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