

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER - Vice-chair Kutepova called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

3. OATH OF OFFICE

- Councilmember Sepi Shyne administered the Oath of Office to Vika Safrigina.
- Councilmember John Erickson administered the Oath of Office to Gabriela Gershfeld.

4. ROLL CALL - Board members present Alex Tolocenco, Raisa Aguf, Vika Safrigina, Lyubov Levitan, and Valentina Matiji, Diana Volman, Gabriela Gershfeld, Eugene Maysky. Ekaterina Kutepova. Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek was also present.

5. ELECTIONS

Diana Volman was elected as chair.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ekaterina Kutepova made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, March 16, 2021 seconded by Eugene Maysky. Motion passed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of February 16, 2021. Raisa Aguf made a motion to approve, seconded by Alex Tolocenco. Motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

9. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.A. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2021

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will select the date for the event and discuss programming ideas.

Action: Board members formed a subcommittee to work on the event.

Ekaterina Kutepova, Alex Tolocenco, Vika Safrigina, and Raisa Aguf volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Board members discussed ideas for the programming of the virtual event and decided to continue discussion at the next meeting in April.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2021

Subject: The Russian Advisory Board will discuss the event. The board members will receive an update from the subcommittee.

Action: The board members discussed the event and praised the work of the videographer. Vice-chair Kutepova made a motion that all participants receive prizes, seconded by member Tolocenco. Member Aguf volunteered to inform the winners of the writing competition about the prizes.

11.B. YOM HASHOAH 2021

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will continue discussion of the event and programming ideas.

Action: Chair Volman spoke about the programming of the event and volunteered to be the host. The board members discussed the best way to get schoolchildren engaged in the event.

11.C. RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL 2021

Subject: Board members will continue discussion of the project dedicated to the celebration of Russian cultural heritage and will start discussion of the programming for the Russian-speaking community awards presentation.

Action: Received information from staff and discussed ideas of the virtual presentation of the awards given annually to the members of the Russian-speaking community.

11. D. 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.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff informed the board regarding the upcoming training on Human Trafficking.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

There were no items from the board members.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:52 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

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