

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

3. ROLL CALL - Board members present: Alex Tolocenco, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Valentina Matiji, Diana Volman, Eugene Maysky, Ekaterina Kutepova.

Vika Safrigina, Gabriela Gershfeld were absent.

Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek was also present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 18, 2021 seconded by Ekaterina Kutepova. Motion passed.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of April 20, 2021. Raisa Aguf made a motion to approve, seconded by Lyubov Levitan. Motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sofia Fikhman, West Hollywood Resident spoke about the celebration of the Victory in Europe Day and highly praised the celebration.

7. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will receive information from Alexander Pagan-Mejia, Activities Assistant with Jewish Family Services LA regarding activities provided to the residents.

Action: The presentation was rescheduled to the next meeting in June.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2021 CELEBRATION

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will follow up on the celebration of the event.

Action: Board members received update from the subcommittee and discussed the celebration. Ekaterina Kutepova highly praised the event and suggested that the board creates a video report about the event on Sunday, May 9. Alex Tolocenco seconded the motion, and everybody voted unanimously. Raisa thanked Alex Tolocenco who participated in delivering the gifts to the veterans. Raisa also said that she visited Veterans' Memorial and there were a lot of flowers brought by the community members.

9.B. 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.

Dina Gontar, the producer of the event spoke about the programming and explained the obstacles and issues she is facing during production of a virtual event.

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:

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Eugene Maysky spoke about his new job with CES.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:23 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

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