

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Vika Safrigina, Gabriela Gershfeld.
Ekaterina Kutepova was absent.
Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek was also present.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, June 15, 2021, seconded by Luybov Levitan. Motion passed.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of May 18, 2021. Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve, seconded by Diana Volman. Motion passed.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
Eva Angeloff, grants coordinator for Arts Division spoke regarding grants available for artists.
Danielle Wilson, Research Analyst for UNITE HERE Local 11, spoke in support of the hotel workers ordinance.
- 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 members of the board received information from Alexander Pagan-Mejia, Activities Assistant with Jewish Family Services LA regarding activities provided to the residents and asked questions. Members of the board asked Alexander how they could sign up for the mailing list to participate in the programming. Eugene Maysky asked about availability of computer classes.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL 2021 AND RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION 2021

Subject: Board members will discuss the project and provide recommendations for the future.

Action: Received information from Agassi Topchian, Artistic Director of the Russian Arts and Culture Festival. Board members highly praised the work that had been done during the month of May.

Diana Volman praised the amazing work that had been done by the organizers of the event. Member Volman also mentioned that the virtual event will become a base for the archive of the Russian-speaking community that the members of the Russian Advisory Board started working on. Diana also spoke about the videos showcasing the chronological overview of everything that had been accomplished by the board since the time of its incorporation.

9.B. UPCOMING CULTURAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Subject: Board members will receive information regarding upcoming events.

Action: Received information from staff regarding various cultural events that will happen in June.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff informed the board about a few upcoming virtual events in the City of West Hollywood.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Eugene Maysky spoke about CES (Coalition for Economic Survivors), his work with the coalition and encouraged the board members to let everybody know about the assistance in Russian Language.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:01 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

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