

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Ekaterina Kutepova.
Gabriela Gershfeld was absent.
Staff Liaison Tatiana Rodzinek was also present.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Member Levitan made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, August 17, 2021, seconded by Member Volman. Motion passed.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of July 20, 2021. Member Aguf made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Kutepova. Motion passed.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no public comments.
- 7. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**
Member Aguf made a motion to continue the meeting in Russian Language, Member Tolocenco seconded.
Eugene Maysky reminded everyone about the services provided by CES.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. BABI YAR 80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENT

Subject: Board members will receive information regarding the proposal and discuss a possible event.

Action: Board members received information from Gregory Macaron regarding the project dedicated to Babi Yar memorial and discussed ideas for the virtual event and how to promote it.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will follow up on the event that took place in virtual format.

Action: board members discussed the virtual event and made recommendations for the future. Board members recommended to use the recording of the presentation on the website.

9.B. RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE MONTH AND RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Subject: Board members will discuss ideas about the project dedicated to the celebration and preserving of Russian Cultural Heritage

Action: Received information regarding the Russian-speaking community archive, discussed additional ideas. Received information from staff regarding proposed exhibit dedicated to the history of the Russian-speaking community in the Los Angeles area. Member Kutepova made a motion to support the virtual exhibit dedicated to the “Refusnik” movement. Member Maysky seconded the motion.

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.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

There were no items from staff.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Eugene Maysky spoke about the upcoming workshops by CES (Coalition for Economic Survivors) and their services.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:30 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

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