

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20, 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. ELECTIONS

Eugene Maysky was elected a Chair and **Ekaterina Kutepova** was elected a Vice Chair.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Member Levitan made a motion to approve the agenda of Tuesday, July 20, 2021, seconded by Member Volman. Motion passed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of June 15, 2021. Member Levitan made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Volman. Motion passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Subject: Alexander Pagan-Mejia, Activity Coordinator with Jewish Family Services LA, will introduce a new activities coordinator **Marina Goldshteyn** and will answer questions

Action: The members of the board received information from Alexander Pagan-Mejia, Activities Assistant with Jewish Family Services LA and greeted the new Activities Coordinator Marina Goldshteyn and asked questions.

9.B. INPUT ON THE RENAMING OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY IN HONOR OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Subject: The Russian Advisory Board will discuss the naming request for the West Hollywood Library and will provide input as solicited by the City's Public Facilities

Commission (PFC), which will hold a public hearing on the name request at an upcoming public meeting of the PFC in the fall of 2021.

Action:

- 1) Received report (Attachments A, B)
- 2) Discussed
- 3) Voted to support the initiative with 7 members in support and 1 abstain.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.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: The board members supported the idea of having all virtual projects become part of the Russian-speaking community archive. Member Tolocenco suggested that the board discussed the Russian speaking community archive at the next meeting.

10.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 the city.

10.C. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Subject: The Russian advisory Board members will receive information from staff and discuss possible activities during National Night Out.

Action: The board voted not to hold the event outside in the Park. The board members voted unanimously for the idea of holding a virtual event and use a program suggested by the representative from WISE & Healthy Aging, a community-based, nonprofit organization, which works on preventing elder abuse. The presentation will focus on preventing scams.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

There were no items from staff.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

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

14. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:42 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

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