

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Maysky called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Maysky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Diana Volman, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Valentina Matiji,
Eugene Maysky, Alex Tolocenco.

ABSENT: Gabriela Gershfeld, Ekaterina Kutepova.

ALSO, PRESENT: Staff liaison Tatiana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: *The Russian Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda.*
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Tolocenco, motion passed by a roll call vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: *The Russian Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the previous Russian Advisory Board meeting.*
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, Russian Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by a roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
There were no public comments.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
There were no items from the board.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
9.A. UPCOMING CULTURAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS
Subject: Board members will receive information regarding upcoming events. The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board received a presentation from Phil Popham & Sarah Robinson from Helix Collective regarding the grant project they are planning to present to the community in the fall **MUSIC WITH A MOVIE CAMERA.**

Action: Received information, provided input regarding promotion of the event, asked questions. No action taken.

9.B. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022

Subject: The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the programming for the event to take place on August 2, 2022, in Plummer Park.

Action: Board members discussed the schedule and the programming of the upcoming event. Members Levitan, Aguf and Volman will come to the event location at 5 PM on the day of the event to provide a set up.

Member Aguf made arrangements with the musician and a grocery store.

Member Tolocenco will place banners and bring 300 bottles of water to the event.

Tables and chairs will be provided by the city maintenance staff.

Staff will provide giveaways, masks, napkins, and plates.

Member Maysky will make arrangements with additional entertainment group for the event. No action taken.

9. C. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Subject: Board members will receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

Action: There were no updates, no action taken.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.A. ELECTIONS

Subject: The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board elected a chair and vice chair

Action: **Diana Volman was** elected a chair and **Alex Tolocenco a** vice-chair.

10.B. REBRANDING OF THE RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE MONTH

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the rebranding of the month-long series of the Russian Arts and Culture events

Action: The board members discussed how to rebrand the Russian Arts and Culture Month and member Maysky made a motion to name the event as West Hollywood Arts and Culture Month. Member Aguf seconded. Motion passed by 5 to 1 vote, member Tolocenco voted against the name change.

9.C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PROMOTION OF THE EXISTING CITY PROGRAMS

Subject: The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board discussed the role of the Russian-speaking community in the life of the city and the ways of making community outreach and promotion of the existing City programs more robust.

Action: Member Maysky made a motion to recommend City Council to reinstate a multi-language brochure "West Hollywood on Call" to provide easy access to the city programming and services for people who do not use digital ways of

communication. Seconded by Raisa Aguf. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff informed the board about preparing RFP for production of the West Hollywood Arts and Culture Month.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Diana Volman thanked the outgoing Chair of the board Eugene Maysky for his work during the last year.

Diana Volman also asked staff to invite representatives from Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation to the next meeting to talk about Colibri International Competition for young performers.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:09 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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