

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Maysky called the meeting to order at 7:10 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.

ABSENT: Gabriela Gershfeld, Ekaterina Kutepova, Alex Tolocenco.

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, June 21, 2022. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Volman, 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 May 17, 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**
Joseph Perez, Strategic Engagement Manager for Community Connections, LLC. Spoke regarding focus groups for LA County Metro and asked the board for assistance in putting together a Russian-speaking focus group comprised of the residents of the City of West Hollywood.
Marina Goldshteyn spoke about programming of the Jewish Family Services.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
There were no items from the board.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
8.A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022
Subject: The Russian Advisory Board received a presentation from staff.

Board members discussed the programming for the event:
Members Aguf and Volman will make arrangements for a musical band.
Staff will order giveaways:
Banners, table covers, backpacks, tattoos, barbeque aprons, finger lights, coloring books
Action: the board discussed possible programming for the event and made recommendations regarding the giveaways. Chair Maysky suggested that the board invites vendors. The board will make final decision on the programming of the event at their next meeting in July. No action taken.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD FUNDRAISER FOR REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE, RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

Subject: Board members discussed the event. Member Volman spoke about the Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation and suggested that the board starts preparation to the event much earlier to be able to select quality candidates. Lyubov Levitan spoke about the time of the presentation and suggested that in the future the ceremony should take place much later in the day to have more people in the audience. Raisa Aguf also spoke about the board member's participation in the events.

Action: the board made recommendations for the future. Chair Maysky made a motion to include the following item into the next meeting agenda: Rebranding Russian Arts and Culture Month. Seconded by Member Volman. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

10. B. 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. C. UPCOMING CULTURAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS

SUBJECT: Board members will receive information regarding upcoming events.

ACTION: Board members received update from staff regarding various events in the city.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff informed the board about upcoming Ballet Performance by Galina Morozova Ballet Studio.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Raisa Aguf spoke about the role of the Russian Advisory Board in the life of the

city and its contribution into the development of the cultural infrastructure of the city.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:56 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS
19TH DAY OF JULY 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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