

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Gabriela Gershfeld.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:** *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda.*

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the previous Russian Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marina Goldshteyn, Activities Coordinator from JFS, spoke about JFS programming. Marina also mentioned the fact that ESL classes are no longer offered in the Community Center and there is a waiting list of 25 people wishing to join the class if it gets reinstated.

8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Eugene Maysky announced the upcoming educational forum on housing and tenants' rights.

Ekaterina Kutepova asked about a hybrid option for the next meeting.

Diana Volman informed the board about her communication with Fairfax High School regarding preparation for the next Yom HaShoah Event.

Chair Volman also informed the board about upcoming event "Opera in the Park"

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

**9.A. INFORMATION FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION**

**Subject:** Receive information from the City Clerk's Office on the November 8, 2022 Election.

**Action:** the item was postponed until the next meeting.

### **9.B. PREPARATION FOR THE 2023 WEST HOLLYWOOD CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the upcoming cultural events that will highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community, selected the dates.

**Action:** The board selected the dates.

International Women's Day – **Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Yom HaShoah – **Monday, April 17, 2023**

Victory in Europe Day – **Sunday, May 7, 2023**

Maysky Classical Night – **Saturday, May 13, 2023**

one-day Cultural Festival - "Mishka" **Sunday, May 21, 2023**

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. REBRANDING OF THE RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE MONTH**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the rebranding of the month-long series of the events and the name of the one-day event that will culminate the Russian-speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month.

**Action:** **Ekaterina Kutepova** made a motion to call the Month of May Annual **West Hollywood Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month**.

Seconded by **Eugene Maysky**, motion passed by a roll call vote 7 to 0.

**Diana Volman** made a motion to call a one-day Cultural Festival - "**Mishka**" that will be highlighting the rich culture brought to this country by many Russian-speaking immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

**Ekaterina Kutepova** seconded; motion passed by a roll call vote 7 to 0.

### **10.B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PROMOTION OF THE EXISTING CITY PROGRAMS**

**Subject:** The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board continued discussions on the ways of making community outreach and promotion of the existing City programs more robust. Follow up on the previous decisions.

**Action:** **Eugene Maysky** made a motion to prepare a list of events that Russian-speaking Advisory Board will ask the City's Communication Department to promote via social media by the next meeting. Seconded by **Ekaterina Kutepova**. Motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

### **10.C. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Subject:** Board members received updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

**Action:** Eugene Maysky talked about his attendance of Disabilities Advisory Board and Public Facilities Commission.

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff informed the board about preparing RFP for production of the West Hollywood Russian-speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month. Staff also informed the board about upcoming concerts in October.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**


There were no public comments

**13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS**

The board members discussed the direction of the City Council to return to in-person meetings. Member Maysky made a motion to ask for permission for the Russian-speaking Advisory Board to continue use of virtual teleconference meetings, member Kutepova seconded the motion. Motion passed by 7 to 0 vote.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:02PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

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