

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Member Maysky called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Volman read the 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: Sasha Razor

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, January 17, 2023. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Maysky, 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 December 20, 2022, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Maysky, motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
There were no public comments.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
Member Maysky informed the board about the CIS education forum and invited everyone to participate.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board will start discussion on the programming for the International Victory in Europe Day.

Action: Chair Volman made a motion to Invite Helix Collective with the program dedicated to the Victory in Europe Day and WWII Veterans. Seconded by member Kutepova. Motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on programming for the International Women's Day Event 2023
Phil Popham & Sarah Robinson from Helix Collective proposed a program with their nine Piece Film Music Ensemble. The concert will be featuring female composers of Film and Television and visual media composers.

Ekaterina Kutepova spoke about the program and suggested that the introduction part can be shorter to accommodate the full 90-minute program by Helix Collective. Member Kutepova also spoke about the budget.

Member Aguf spoke about the host of the event.

Chair Volman spoke about logistics.

Member Kutepova suggested that Women Advisory Board should participate in the event.

Eugene Maysky spoke about WAB's involvement in the event.

Staff informed the board that artists have been invited to participate as well.

Member Aguf spoke about refreshments.

Public Comment: Marina Goldshteyn, Jewish Family Services Activity Coordinator, spoke about the involvement of the Jewish Family Services.

Staff informed the board about Women in Leadership Awards and asked the board members to submit their nominations.

Action: Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve the program, which will include expenses on hosting, lighting and sound technician, videographer, food, program by Helix Collective and flowers for participants. Seconded by Chair Volman. Motion passed by 7to 0 roll call vote.

10.B. YOM HASHOAH 2023

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the programming for the Yom HaShoah Event 2023

Chair Volman spoke about the letter that she had sent to schools inviting students to participate and said that she would provide additional information

when the board makes final decision on what documentary they would select for the event

Member Levitan talked about the busses to transport students to the event.

Action: Member Levitan made a motion to finalize the programming at the next meeting. Member Aguf seconded. Motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

10.C. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed new initiatives.

Members of the board talked about musical concerts in West Hollywood Park.

Chair Volman spoke about doing a walk through the West Hollywood Park facilities.

Chair Volman said that she would like to write a letter to City Council regarding a piano.

Board member Maysky talked about expenses on piano rentals.

Member Aguf asked staff to follow up on the previous initiatives.

Member Maysky wanted to follow up on the initiative of providing information to the community.

Chair Volman spoke about programming for seniors.

Action: Member Volman made a motion to address the City Council regarding purchasing a grand piano for West Hollywood Park facilities. Member Maysky seconded. Motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.

10.D. PREPARATION FOR THE 2023 WEST HOLLYWOOD CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the upcoming cultural events that will highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community.

Action: Board members discussed the social media element. Staff distributed drafts of the logo and the flyer for the event. Staff also distributed draft information about Community Awards Presentation and Call for artists, vendors, performers. No action taken.

10.E. 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.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff informed the board about the upcoming events in January "An Evening with Dmitry Bykov" and "Timur Shaov in LA".

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Raisa Aguf spoke about new developments on the East Side.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:36 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **February 21, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS
21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Tatyana Rodzinek
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