

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Tolocenco called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Vice Chair Tolocenco read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Chair Tolocenco led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Ekaterina Kutepova, Diana Volman, 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, May 16, 2023. Motion by Member Maysky to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by a 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 April 18, 2023, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Aguf to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Maysky, 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. FOLLOW UP ON THE YOM HASHOAH 2023 EVENT

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the programming for the Yom HaShoah Event 2023 and made recommendations for the future

Action: Vice Chair Tolocenco made a motion to start discussion on the future event at the August meeting. Member Maysky seconded the motion passed.

9.B. FOLLOW UP ON THE VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the past Victory in Europe Day event and made recommendations for the future event.

Action: No action taken.

9.C. 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 and WeHo Mishka Festival programming.

Board members finalized the discussion regarding nominations for the Russian-speaking community awards presentation.

Action: Board members discussed the development of the project. Eugene Maysky agreed to host the awards ceremony.

Outstanding Community Service Award:

a. Meest CA international Inc.

b. Dr. Marta Vakulenko

Achievement in Business Award:

Fact Magazine

No new action taken.

9.D. 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.

Action: No new actions taken. Below are the initiatives that the board will be focusing on.

1. Grand Piano for West Hollywood Park

2. Jewish Cultural Festival during High Holidays in WeHo

3. Initiate increase of the cultural programs for children in the community center of Plummer Park

9.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.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Volman spoke about additional concerts during the month of May.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:19 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **June 20, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM **in person** at West Hollywood City Hall in Community Conference Room, 1st floor at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2023.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON