

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:11 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, Alex Tolocenco, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Eugene Maysky, Sasha Razor.

**ABSENT:** Valentina Matiji, Ekaterina Kutepova.

**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, March 21, 2023. Motion by Member Levitan 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 February 21, 2023, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Aguf to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Levitan, motion passed by a 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. PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received update from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Deputies on public safety in the city.

The deputies shared comprehensive information. Through their presentation, the board members were able to learn valuable information, become aware of current public safety threats that are on the rise, get answers to vital questions, which will empower them to share tips with others and make them feel more secure in the community.

**Action:** Received, asked questions and discussed. No action taken

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023**

**Subject:** Members of the board discussed the International Women's Day Event 2023 as part of the Women's History Month and made recommendations for the future.

Board members praised the event.

**Member Aguf** talked about information boards in Plummer Park.

**Public Comment: Marina Goldshteyn**, Activity Coordinator from Jewish Family Services, spoke about live dancing at the event and suggested that the board consider this element for the future.

**Chair Volman** spoke about translation services.

**Action:** no action taken

### **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 hosting the event and the candle light ceremony

**Member Levitan** talked about the buses to transport students to the event.

**Public Speaker: Marina Goldshteyn** spoke about candlelight ceremony. Marina also talked about Yad Vashem virtual tour. Marina also made a few suggestions regarding the program.

**Chair Volman** suggested that after the documentary the students should be offered the chance to express their feelings and share emotions after the screening. Chair Volman suggested some changes to the flyer and the program.

**Member Maysky** talked about introduction that should be made to educate students about Holocaust. Eugene also suggested to invite a representative from the Museum of Holocaust.

**Action:** The board will finalize the discussion at their next meeting in March. No action taken.

### **10.C. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the programming for the Victory in Europe Day.

Staff reminded the board that there will be a concert by Helix Collective on that day and the Ensemble agreed to adjust the program in line with the theme.

Tatyana Rodzinek also reminded about the unofficial part that will take place near the Veterans Memorial and the work on the website will be continued.

Member Razor talked about the website dedicated to the WWII veterans and suggested that someone should write an article on the topic.

Member Razor suggested collecting the archive of the WWII veterans and spotlight the Veterans in social media. Sasha Razor suggested interviewing Jeannette Becker.

**Chair Volman** talked about gifts to the remaining Veterans.

**Eugene Maysky** supported the idea.

**Action:** No action taken. Members of the board will continue discussion at their next meeting in April.

#### **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 and WeHo Mishka Festival programming..

**Action:** Board members discussed the development of the project. No action taken.

#### **10.E. 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.

**Staff** informed the board about the recent initiative regarding the purchase of a grand piano and the response from the City Council and the management.

**Chair Volman** reported to the board regarding her walk through the West Hollywood Park facilities.

**Member Aguf** asked to follow up on her initiative about information kiosks in the Parks. Staff provided update on the progress.

**Member Maysky** Member Maysky also spoke about issues that new Russian-speaking immigrants face.

**Action:** The board members made a motion to write a follow-up letter to the City Council and City Manager and to continue the discussion on the need of an instrument in the new facility.

Member Maysky made a motion to write a letter to the City Council, Chair Volman seconded, motion passed.

#### **10.F. 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**

There were no items from staff.

#### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

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

**Member Myasky** informed the board about the upcoming CIS forum for residents.

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

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:14 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **April 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM **in person** in Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON