

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:20 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, Eugene Maysky, Sasha Razor.

**ABSENT:** Alex Tolocenco, 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, April 18, 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 March 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**  
There were no items from the board.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**9.A. YOM HASHOAH 2023**  
**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board finalized the discussion on the programming for the Yom HaShoah Event 2023  
**Action:** No action taken.

### **9.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY**

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

**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 discussed nominations for the Russian-speaking community awards presentation. Board members selected the awardees.

**Action:** Board members discussed the development of the project and voted for 3 nominations:

Outstanding Community Service Award:

Meest CA international Inc. Dr. Marta Vakulenko

Achievement in Business Award:

Fact Magazine

Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve. Seconded by member Razor. Motion passed

### **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: Member Maysky made a motion** to create a list of initiatives, so that the board members could follow up on their initiatives. Chair Volman seconded, motion passed.

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**

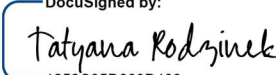
**Chair Volman** spoke about additional concerts during the month of May.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:14 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **May 16, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM **in person** at West Hollywood City Hall in Community Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.

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