

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

**West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room
at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Maysky called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Maysky read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Maysky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Diana Volman, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Eugene Maysky, Raisa Aguf, Evgeny Kovnatsky.

ABSENT: Sasha Razor, German Simakovski.

ALSO, PRESENT: Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board was requested to approve the agenda.*
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Motion by Member Volman 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 was requested to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.*
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Chair Maysky 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 comments from the board members.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
9.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

Subject: The board started discussion regarding International Women's Day 2024 event, shared ideas, discussed the location, will continue discussion at the next meeting.

Action: No action taken.

9.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024

Action: No action taken. The board selected the date (Sunday, May 5), discussed the programming proposed by the board members, and will continue discussion at the next meeting.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE RESOLUTION REGARDING HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL MONTH

Subject: Staff provided update on the motion from the previous meeting regarding the resolution of the City Council on recognizing the month of November as Holodomor awareness month. The decision is pending and will be based on the information that will be researched by staff and provided to the Governmental Affairs Liaison who will work with the City Council.

Action: No action was taken.

10.B. HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENT 2024

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the Holocaust Remembrance Event for the year of 2024.

The board received information from Larry Gross is the Executive Director of the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES), who agreed to share the story of his journey to retrace his family's life before and during the Holocaust. Larry's story will become a part of the event, which will be accompanied by music and followed by a candlelight ceremony.

ACTION: No action taken. The board will continue discussion at its next meeting.

10.C. 2024 WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the 2024 cultural events that will highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community and Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation. Staff provided a final version of the application and description of the event.

ACTION: No action taken; Board members discussed the programming for the Awards Ceremony.

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

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives.

ACTION: Eugene Maysky informed the board that the subcommittee met and started collecting information for the brochure. No action was 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

The board members received updates from staff on the events and important community meetings happening in the city.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

13. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

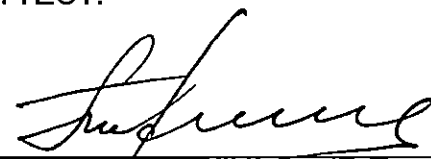
There were no comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **December 19, 2023**, beginning at 7PM 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 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON