

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024**

**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 7:17PM.

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, Sasha Razor, Eugene Maysky, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf.

**ABSENT:** 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, April 16, 2024. Motion by Chair MaySky to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Levitan, 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 March 19, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board Special meeting. Motion by member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Aguf, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Leonid Proskurov**, owner of the company Lenny Pro, spoke about his passion for dance, community connections and benefits of creating a dance community for the residents in the city.

8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no comments from the board members.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.A. "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" PRESENTATION BY ALLA CHASNIK, BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received presentation from Alla Chasnik, Bet Tzedek Legal Services Attorney

**ACTION:** **No action taken.** The board received a presentation, and asked questions. Chair Maysky requested a PDF file of the presentation.

### **9.B. WEHO PRIDE 2024 PARADE PARTICIPATION**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board called for volunteers for members interested in riding on the WeHo Pride Parade float on Sunday, June 2, 202.

**ACTION:** Members Razor and Aguf volunteered, with members Volman and Levitan serving as alternates.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENT 2024**

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

**ACTION:** Finalized plans for the 2024 Yom HaShoah Event, focusing on logistics and budget considerations. The board members confirmed the run of the show. No action taken.

### **10.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024**

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

**ACTION:** The board received an update from staff regarding the concert and additional performances being planned for the event. The board members discussed the run of the show. The board concluded discussions on the Victory in Europe Day Event, covering programming, invitations, and acknowledgments for veterans and members of the Los Angeles Association of WWII Veterans.

### **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 information on nominations for the Awards Ceremony. Board members selected awardees.

**ACTION:** Board members deliberated on Awards Ceremony programming, budget allocation, and selected two recipients for the "Outstanding Service to the Community" Awards. The board also discussed programming of the Maysky Classical Night. The board received four nominations but decided to award only two candidates with Outstanding Service to the Community Award. Chair Maysky

made a motion to keep only two awards this year, member Aguf seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

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

**ACTION:** No Action Taken, no new information was available.

**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 9:11 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **May 21, 2024**, beginning at 7PM 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 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON