

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:18PM.
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, Eugene Maysky, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf, Sasha Razor, Myroslava Rytko, Oleg Volovik.

**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, August 20, 2024. Motion by member Aguf to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Maysky, 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 July 16, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board Special meeting. Motion by member Maysky to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Levitan, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**Vice Mayor Chelsea Byers** swore in two new members of the board: Myroslava Rytko, Oleg Volovik. Vice Mayor Byers congratulated the new board members, new Chair and Vice Chair and also thanked the board for a great work the board is doing.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Aleksandra Pugachev**, works for the Museum of Holocaust, introduced herself.

9. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Eugene Maysky spoke about the Yom HaShoah Event and explained why he invited Aleksandra Pugachev to speak in public comment.

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

**9.A. WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board received a presentation from representatives of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department on crime in the city and personal safety.

**Fanny Lapkin**, West Hollywood Sheriff's Department Lieutenant and Sergeant Geron, provided an overview of the Sheriff's Department Operations and answered questions on personal and public safety.

**ACTION:** The board members received the information and asked questions

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **11.A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the National Night Out Event.

**ACTION: No action taken.** The board members discussed the vendors, logistics, raffles and the attendance as well as the involvement of the board members.

Member Mayskay suggested that the board comes up with a title for the event.

### **11.B. WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH - DISCUSSION ON 2025 EVENTS**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the 2025 cultural events that highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community.

The board members continued discussion regarding historical archive of the Russian-speaking community and celebration of the next year's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

The board members discussed additional events to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, such as a historian presentation accompanied by documentaries and slideshows, as well as art exhibits, documentary screening, performances, etc. The board members also discussed women's history month events.

**ACTION:** Board members discussed the events and provided recommendations on the following events:

Maysky Classical Night, Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentations.

The board members selected the dates for the events as follows:

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – International Women's Day

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – Yom HaShoah

Sunday, May 4, 2025 - Victory in Europe Day

Saturday, May 10, 2025 - Maysky Classical Night

### **11.C. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

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

Board Members continued working on the content of the brochure for new immigrants and proposed providing new migrants with information on essential services like language support, legal aid, and employment resources.

Members discussed the draft of the brochure and made suggestions on additional information such as adding available computer education classes for youth, information about free museums, public safety information and services for LGBTQ+ community members.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken

### **11.D. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Subject:** Board members were to receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

**ACTION:** There were no updates.

**12. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no comments from staff.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**14. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

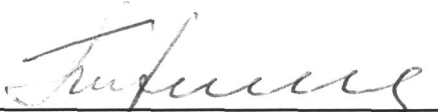
There were no comments

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:36 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **September 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON