

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 7:11PM.
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, German Simakovski.

**ABSENT:** Oleg Volovik

**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, September 17 to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board Special meeting. Motion by member Aguf to approve the minutes, 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 August 20, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Maysky, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elena Mercuri, Producer of the Festival "Echo Lubimovka LA", introduced herself and spoke about the first Festival that she initiated in Los Angeles. Elena invited the community members and said that she is open to cooperation.

8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members asked questions regarding Lubimovka Festival.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.A. 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, as well as other possible events. The board members also discussed women's history month events and the possibility of organizing a children's fashion show and other contests.

**ACTION:** No Action taken

#### **9.B. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives. The board members continued updating the brochure.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken. The board will continue discussion at their next meeting.

#### **9.C. 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.

#### **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no comments from staff.

#### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

#### **12. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:59 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **October 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON