

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SPECIAL RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 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 7:08PM.
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, Eugene Maysky, Liudmila Raskin, Sasha Razor, German Simakovski, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf, Evgeny Kovnatsky.

ABSENT: NONE

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, December 19, 2023. Motion by Chair MaySky to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Volman, 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 December 19, 2023 Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Volman to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Maysky, motion passed by a roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Elvira Perti presented information about a person that she would like to nominate for the Community Award.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
There were no comments from the board members.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the International Women's Day

Action: The board members discussed the programming and decided to continue discussion at the next meeting. The programming will include: Music, dancing, fashion show and some refreshments. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: Marina Goldshteyn spoke about the program of the Jewish Family Services with the LGBT center.

9.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024

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

Action: The board received an update from staff regarding the concert being planned for the event. Member Razor also suggested a screening of the documentary. The board will continue discussion at the next meeting. No Action Taken. The board discussed the options of the set up for the event

9.C. FOLLOW UP ON THE RESOLUTION REGARDING HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL MONTH

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received update from staff regarding the further steps that will be implemented by the City Council. Staff informed the board that Governmental Affairs Liaison will work on the staff report to be presented to the City Council.

Action: No action was taken.

9.D. HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENT 2024

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

ACTION: No action taken. The board will continue discussion at its next meeting. Staff will provide letters signed by the Mayor of the City of West Hollywood to be sent to schools. No Action taken. The presentation by Larry Gross will be followed by a Cantor singing and candlelight ceremony.

9. E. 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. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

9.F. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

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

ACTION: No Action Taken, staff informed the board that there were no updates.

9.G. 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

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Diana Volman invited everyone to the concert to the library.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **February 20, 2024**, 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 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON