

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 7:10PM.
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, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf.

**ABSENT:** Sasha Razor, German Simakovski, Evgeny Kovnatsky.

**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, February 20, 2024. 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 January 18, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board Special meeting. Motion by Chair Maysky to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Volman, 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. 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 finalized discussion on the programming. The programming will include music, dancing, fashion show. Businesses are welcome to come and advertise their services. No Action Taken.

**Public Comment:** Marina Goldshteyn spoke about the assistance the Jewish Family Services will provide.

#### **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. 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. The presentation by Larry Gross will be followed by a Cantor singing and candlelight ceremony.

#### **9.D. 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.E. 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 information kiosks will be installed in Plummer Park by the end of summer.

#### **9.F. 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. NEW BUSINESS

### 10.A. SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The Board considered electing a representative and one alternate to attend and represent the Board on the City Council-approved Sacramento Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials.

**ACTION:** The board elected German Simakovski and Eugene Maysky as an alternate to attend the City Council-approved Sacramento Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials, which will be held on Tuesday, April 16 from 8 AM to 6 PM in Sacramento, California.

### 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

Diana Volman invited everyone to the upcoming concert.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT:


The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **March 19, 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 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON