

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 7:12PM.
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, German Simakovski, Eugene Maysky, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf.

**ABSENT:** Sasha Razor, 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, March 19, 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 February 20, 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. FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the International Women's Day

**ACTION:** The board members praised the programming and the event in general. The board discussed the possibility of inviting the performers to other events sponsored by the Russian-speaking Advisory Board. The board members also praised the businesses that participated and contributed into the setup of the event. Staff will follow up on the status of the certificates to the winners of the writing competition. No Action Taken.

#### **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. The board members discussed the flyer for the event. The board will continue discussion at the next meeting. Chair Maysky made a motion to approve the flyer, member Volman seconded. The board members voted for the flyer design with one member abstaining.

#### **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:** Chair Maysky made a motion to approve the content of the flyer, member Volman seconded. Motion passed by the roll call vote. The presentation by Larry Gross will be followed by a Cantor singing and candlelight ceremony. The board will continue discussion at its next meeting. Board members discussed the stage setup design and member Volman asked staff for a walkthrough to Fiesta Hall, so that the members could finalize the set up at their next meeting. Staff will arrange for the walkthrough.

#### **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.

**Member Simakovsky** talked about a food vendor booth or a truck that his company would set up for 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, no new information was available.

**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**

There were no comments

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:00 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **April 16, 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON