

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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 7:11PM.
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, German Simakovski.

**ABSENT:** Sasha Razor.

**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, May 21, 2024. Motion by member Levitan 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 April 16, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board Special meeting. Motion by Member Aguf to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Volman, motion passed by a roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**Louise Smith**, a member of the Disabilities Advisory Board, introduced herself and spoke about her role.  
**Dany Hang**, West Hollywood resident, introduced himself and said that he is planning to run for the City Council and said that if elected he will be focusing on certain issues that the West Hollywood community is facing.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**  
There were no comments from the board members.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the upcoming National Night Out Event.

**ACTION: No action taken.** The board proposed certain elements of the programming for the event such as: raffles (member Levitan in charge), Musical Performers (member Aguf

in charge), Entertainment for Children, introduction of the Russian Language Public Library, Catering, introduction of various businesses, presentations by the Sheriff's and Fire's Departments, opportunities for artists.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. FOLLOW UP ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENT 2024**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discuss the Holocaust Remembrance Event for the year of 2024.

**ACTION:** No action taken.

### **10.B. FOLLOW UP ON THE VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the **VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2024**

**ACTION:** No action taken.

### **10.C. FOLLOW UP ON THE 2024 WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the 2024 cultural events that highlighted the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community and Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation. The board members shared insights from their experience organizing and attending classical music concert, emphasizing the importance of several key aspects that can significantly impact the success and audience perception of an event. Key points include pre-planning the concert program, ensuring thorough preparation for event hosting, creating an engaging atmosphere in the foyer, and maintaining a balance between organization and audience needs. The goal is to provide a well-organized, enjoyable experience for both performers and attendees.

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

Maysky Classical Night, Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentations. No action taken.

### **10.D. 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.

### **10.E. 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.

## **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:**

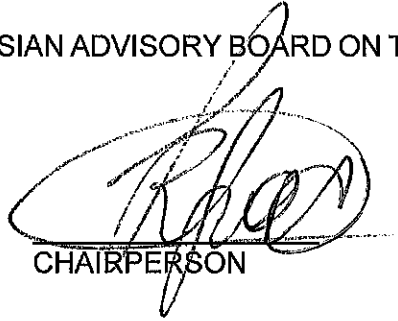
Danny Hang, spoke about the Russian speaking advisory board's activities.

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

There were no comments

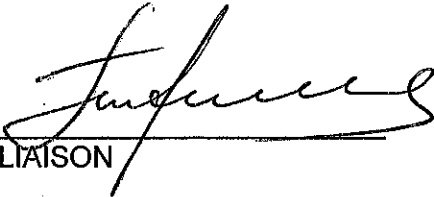
- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:14PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **June 18, 2024**, beginning at 7PM at West Hollywood City Hall in Community Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON