

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 7:07 PM.
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, Oleg Volovik, Eugene Maysky, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf, Myroslava Rytko.

ABSENT: Sasha Razor, German Simakovski.

ALSO, PRESENT: Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board was requested to approve the agenda of Tuesday, November 19 regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: 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 October 15, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: Motion by member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Maysky, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

8. **RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.A. WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH - DISCUSSION ON 2025 EVENTS

SUBJECT: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the 2025 cultural events that highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – The board continued its discussion on programming for the event, focusing on the fashion show element. This segment might feature a combination of adult and children's showcases, such as a mother-daughter theme. Additionally, the contest theme was explored, aiming to celebrate the connections between mothers, daughters, grandchildren, and grandmothers. Suggested ideas included themes like "Mother and Son Bonding," "Share Your Mom's Moment," or other creative concepts to highlight these cherished relationships.

Additionally, the board discussed performances by Jewish singer Michelle, incorporating a dancing element, and inviting local businesses to participate. The possible setup for the hall was also considered, particularly if dancing will be included as part of the event.

YOM HASHOAH EVENT - the board discussed possible options for the screening of a feature film for the event and inviting youth from other schools and organizations. Board members will be working on engaging students in the activities.

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY- The board members suggested contacting the Hollywood American Legion

Boardmember RAZOR will oversee and produce the Veteran's Exhibit.

Helix Collective Ensemble will produce a program for the event and will include the youth element which will add a meaningful and engaging program that could add depth and variety to the event. Incorporating a children's component into the VE Day program could be a fantastic way to connect generations and offer a fresh perspective on this important commemoration.

Boardmembers also suggested contacting and inviting school children with stories about WWII told by members of their families. The following ideas were proposed to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day in a meaningful way, especially recognizing that this may be the last opportunity to honor the few remaining veterans, here are some thoughtful suggestions:

1. **Veteran Recognition Ceremony:** a formal ceremony honoring the remaining veterans, presenting them with commemorative medals or certificates.
2. **Documentary Screening:** Screen films or documentaries that highlight World War II history and the contributions of veterans.
3. **Concert Dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of VE day**
4. **Art and Cultural Exhibits:** Collaborate with local schools, including groups like Golden Key Art, to create exhibitions celebrating the sacrifices and legacy of veterans.
5. Collect stories, letters, and memorabilia from veterans and the community to be preserved for future generations.

MAYSKY CLASSICAL NIGHT CONCERT – programming will be presented by Eugen Maysky

WEHO MISHKA FESTIVAL - programming will be presented by the producer of the Festival.

ACTION: No Action taken

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

SUBJECT: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives. Tatyana Rodzinek informed the board about the bulletin boards that had been installed in Plummer Park and regarding the dancing project that had been approved by the City Council at their last meeting.

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.

9.D. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board will discuss upcoming events.

ACTION: There were no events to discuss.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marina Goldshteyn informed the board regarding the Recreation Brochure.

12. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 9:10 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **December 17, 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 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON