

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025**

**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 7:03 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, Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko, Raisa Aguf, Eugene Maysky, Sasha Razor.

**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 of Tuesday, June 17, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*  
**ACTION:** Motion by member Aguf to approve the minutes, seconded by member Rytko, 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 May 20, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*  
**ACTION:** Motion by member Maysky to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Rytko, motion passed by a roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Renee Sotil, West Hollywood Resident, introduced herself and MJ Goddess, spoke about the West Hollywood community cats DNR program and asked the board members to spread the word. The City of West Hollywood's Community Cats Program collaborates with a community-based volunteer program to manage and support the population of stray and feral cats within West Hollywood. The program focuses on humane methods to control the cat population and promote coexistence between residents and community cats.
8. **RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**  
**Member Maysky** spoke about resources for new immigrants.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received information from staff about the upcoming event on Tuesday, August 5. The discussion included the emphasis on the importance of preparedness for natural disasters and the role of community events.

**ACTION:** Received, asked questions. The board members discussed the potential programming.

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 10.A. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

**SUBJECT:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives and started discussion on two new initiatives. The board talked about supporting a new project: LGBTQ+ immigrant stories and restoration of a little Library program.

**ACTION:** Member Maysky made a motion to create an archive of stories about LGBTQ+ stories in West Hollywood and Los Angeles. Seconded by member Razor. The motion passed by a roll call vote.

Member Razor made a motion to recommend City Council to reinstate the Little Library program. Member Maysky seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote. Member Aguf talked about the grand piano.

The board will continue discussion at their next meeting.

### 10.B. 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.

### 10.C. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed upcoming events.

**ACTION:** No action taken. Member Aguf discussed the upcoming "Just Dance Away event" and encouraged the board members to come.

## 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff informed the board that they will prepare letters to schools to encourage younger generation to participate in the events commemoration Holocaust and Victory in Europe Day.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

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

There were no comments

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **July 15, 2025**, 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 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2025.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON