

**MEETING AGENDA  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026  
7:00 PM**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL – COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**The West Hollywood Russian-Speaking Advisory Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.**

**Written materials distributed to the Russian-speaking Advisory within 72 hours of the Russian Advisory Board meeting are available for public inspection online at [Russian-Speaking Advisory Board | City of West Hollywood \(weho.org\)](https://weho.org)**

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During public meetings, community gatherings, interactions with the public, and with one another, the City endeavors for all participants and attendees to conduct City business and treat others with respect, a core value of the City. This includes being polite, professional, and thoughtful when interacting with others. Our collective commitment to West Hollywood requires intention, cooperation, courtesy, consideration, tolerance, forgiveness, acceptance, inclusiveness, kindness, compassion, and patience. Our respect is expressed not only in the words we choose, but also in our tone, our demeanor, and our actions toward one another.

**RULES OF DECORUM**

Members of the audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening, or abusive language, whistling, stamping of feet or other acts which disturb, disrupt, impede, or otherwise render the orderly conduct of the Advisory Board meeting infeasible. A member of the audience repeatedly or continuously engaging in any such conduct shall, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or most of

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the Advisory Board, be subject to ejection from that meeting. Any person wishing to speak in connection with any item of business on the agenda shall first complete a speaker request slip and submit the slip to the Secretary. No person shall address the Advisory Board without first being recognized by the Presiding Officer. Each person addressing the Advisory Board shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not make repetitious, slanderous, or irrelevant remarks, or engage in any other disorderly conduct which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Advisory Board meetings. Any person who disrupts the meeting may, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or a majority of the Advisory Board, be subject to ejection from that meeting.

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**TO PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELEPHONE:**

(Please note: This option is to provide public comment via phone ONLY.) 1. You are required to register to speak via Zoom by emailing [rabpubliccomment@weho.org](mailto:rabpubliccomment@weho.org) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Russian Speaking Advisory Board's Advisory Board meeting day, to be added to the Zoom Public Speaker List for the meeting. Please include your name, the phone number from which you will be calling, and which item(s) you would like to speak on. 2. Dial-in 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.).

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS\*\***

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Russian-speaking Advisory Board about any subject within the jurisdiction of the Russian-speaking Advisory Board. Although the Russian-speaking Advisory Board values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. Three (3) minutes will be assigned for each speaker or five (5) minutes if translation is provided.

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

This portion of the meeting has been set aside for general comments, announcements, requests, and/or other issues of concern from members of the Russian-speaking Advisory Board.

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## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. YOM HASHOAH EVENT 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board will continue discussion on the event.

**Recommendation:** Start conversation about upcoming program ideas

### **10.B. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board will continue discussion on the event.

**Recommendation:** Continue conversation about upcoming program ideas

### **10.C. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board will start discussion on the event.

**Recommendation:** Start conversation about upcoming program ideas.

### **10.D. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board will consider any new initiatives from the board members and follow up on the previous initiatives.

**Recommendation:** Receive and discuss.

### **10.E. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Subject:** Board members will receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates if applicable.

### **10.F. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

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

**Recommendation:** Receive and discuss.

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENTS\*\***

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

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## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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The Russian-speaking Advisory Board will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **February 17, 2026, at 7 p.m.** to take place in West Hollywood City Hall at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM (EOC)  
AT 8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Aguf called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Aguf read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Aguf led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Diana Volman, Raisa Aguf, Sasha Razor, Oleg Volovik, Eugene Maysky.

**ABSENT:** Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko.

**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 18, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** Motion by member Volman to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Maysky, 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 21, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** Motion by member Razor to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Volman, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Helen Krieger**, West Hollywood resident, introduced herself and informed the board about her intentions to run for the City Council in 2026 and Ms. Krieger also mentioned that she wanted to learn more about the Russian-speaking community.

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

**Member Maysky**, spoke about the Community Resources Fair that took place the day before in Plummer Park

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.A. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the event.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to contact the Helix Collective to explore bringing back the VE Day program and to direct staff to draft a letter or announcement inviting the community to submit letters from the front that could be included in an exhibit dedicated to preserving the legacy of WWII veterans. Member Razor seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. YOM HASHOAH EVENT 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the event.

**Member Volman** presented preliminary outline for the event:

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) Program

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

12:00 PM

Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park

Program Agenda:

- Opening Remarks by City Officials and Community Leaders
- Introduction by the host
- Holocaust Survivor Presentation
- Documentary Screening: *“7 Dwarfs of Auschwitz”*
- Library Exhibit featuring the Russian Language Library and West Hollywood Library Collections
- Musical Tribute by Children’s and Adult Vocal Ensembles
- Student Art Exhibition by Local Schools
- Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at the Babi Yar Memorial
  - Lighting of candles
  - Moment of silence
  - Closing reflections

**ACTION:** No action taken.

### **10.B. DISCUSSION OF THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

**Subject:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board considered approving the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026 including cancelling or rescheduling a few meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays.

**ACTION:** The board members discussed the proposal and recommended cancelling only the meeting in June and December but no more than two per calendar year. Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to skip May and December meetings of 2026, seconded by Chair Aguf, motion passed by a roll call vote.

### **10.C. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY EVENT 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the event.

**ACTION:** No action taken. The board expressed interest in consulting with the event producers recommended by staff.

**10.D. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

**SUBJECT:** The Board reviewed the previously discussed initiatives. No new initiatives were proposed

**ACTION:** No action taken.

**10.E. 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.F. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board received information about upcoming events.

**ACTION:** No action taken.

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

**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 8:12 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **December 16, 2025**, beginning at 7 PM 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-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 15<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON