



GOLDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS
KZFR COMMUNITY RADIO 90.1 FM

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**KZFR Program Committee
Meeting Minutes for 21 May 2026 via Zoom**

Meeting commences 5:03 p.m.

Members present: Grant Parks (chair), Rob Davidson (secretary), Gladys Chavez, Robert Jones, Vince Kotchian, Michelle Mussoto, Bob Steinacher

Members absent: Julie Nilson, Peter Ratner

Agenda Review. RJ asks to add discussion of Caribbean Dance Radio to agenda. BS motion to approve. RD second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Public Comment

GP: There was one public comment posted in response to a fundraising letter. The unhappy former donor has been removed from the mailing list.

Action Items: none.

GM Report & General Discussion

Old Business

GP: Committee has reviewed the Community Calendar guidelines. No edits or suggested changes. We will consider this document approved by the PC and move forward.

GP: Thank you to GC for helping with "Latin Brothers." In response to Gladys's feedback, GP has contacted program host Rene via email. No response so far, so GP will follow up with a phone call. Gladys & Grant can team up to translate underwriting into Spanish. Will follow up in June.

GP: Sue Hilderbrand and "The Real Issue." Currently, Christine Ponce is hosting on the first Tuesday of the month & Sue is hosting on the second Tuesday. Rising Up with Sonali fills the remaining Tuesdays each month. GP asked Sue how long she plans to continue this arrangement. Will it go as far as June or November? Sue hasn't thought that far ahead. She is very busy with other commitments but wants to remain as a host for the show.

RD suggests we give Sue a certain amount of time to continue, maybe three months, and check in. Ultimately we want Sue on the air, but if she is struggling with the time commitment we might need to re-assess in regards to the long-term. MM agrees.

GP will reach out to Sue and share our plan.

Forward Promotes: GP notes that there are some old, outdated Forward Promotes for some shows. GP and Carlos, the station's new tech assistant, will focus on creating new FPs this summer. We will also create some "super promos" collectively announcing all shows in a given genre (e.g., reggae or blues).

RD asks if we can go back to the old Forward Promo for Sunday Papers. Rob likes it better than the newer one.

New Business

David Fuhs has finished his work as ex-officio Secretary. (Thank you, David!) GP asks for a new volunteer to serve as Secretary. RD agrees to serve as Secretary for 12 months (next May). MM is willing to serve as a sub or back-up if RD is too busy.

Program Re-shuffling: Last month, the PC discussed the open slot on Mondays, 10 pm-12 am. Amaya's Grooves & Moods, Ska-T's Tea Party, and Chester's Abba to Zappa are all up for consideration. PR sent an email sharing his opinion: either Ska-T or Chester would be a good fit. PR says Chester's show is his top pick. RD seconds PR. MM thirds. Remaining committee members agree.

GP notes that Amaya has had subs very frequently. GP & Leah (volunteer coordinator) will check in with her to see if she is able to maintain her commitment.

Caribbean Dance Radio: In March, the PC discussed the possibility of extending CDR from 3-6 pm on Fridays. We agreed to circle back. RJ argues extending CDR to 3 hours would be better entertainment. Shifting to public affairs at 5 creates a very different vibe. MM asks about the historical context. GP notes that Devastation Sounds didn't start out as a 3-hour show. GP is willing to do a longer show. RD agrees that the quality and continuity issues are compelling. RD wants to note for the record that fairness and equity are issues that we discussed (equal access to airtime for other volunteers). Overall, what we want is the best radio for our audience at the right time, and CDR on a Friday afternoon is a good fit. MM, BS, VK agree. RJ seconds the idea of the PC being "on the record" as having acknowledged issues of access & fairness. RD: The meeting minutes will reflect this.

GP we will vote on the CDR proposal as an action item in June. Chester's show moving to Monday will also be an action item in June, assuming that Chester agrees to the change.

Comments on Current Programming

RD asks about the digital library for programmers. RD recently tried to find it via Zara radio and couldn't find it. GP will check that the digital library shortcut is on the PC desktop & also ensure that the indexing is correct via the Zara app.

MM loved the Fun House this week. Jim Howell did a great Bob Dylan tribute.

GP: KZFR is a member of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB). This gives us three years of access to the Public Radio Exchange, or PRX. NPR stations put their content onto PRX, including shows like Brain Matters and Freakonomics. Our options for pre-recorded content have now grown significantly. Most are free.

We also have access to Dovetail, a program that helps with podcast production & distribution. Dovetail allows us to house the podcasts, saving money we are currently spending on Buzzsprout. Dovetail also allows us to add pre-rolls, mid-rolls, and post-rolls (pre-recorded inserts, adding audio to existing podcasts). With Dovetail, it is far easier to add updated inserts that stay timely. KZFR will be able to sell underwriting that will be inserted into a podcast. If one of our podcasts gets shared on another station, we will get paid for the inserted underwriting.

Dovetail also can record our stream and create podcasts out of that. For example, a live broadcast of Ecotopia is recorded. Dovetail allows us to edit that recording, add pre-rolls, and send it to the PRX shared podcast library. This will be a big boost for the station. GP is very excited.

GP notes that Sasha Abramsky Book Discussion is coming up on Wednesday, 3 June at the station, 6:00 pm. Please help spread the word.

GP: Automation for pre-records is working well. This helps with hosts who have very late or very early shows and want to pre-record.

Meeting Finalization

GP will follow up on the digital library and access via Zara.

GP will distribute a list of PRX programs that are available to KZFR because of joining the NFCB.

Action items for next meeting:

- Chester's Abba to Zappa move to Mondays, 10pm-12am
- Extending CDR by one hour, Fridays 3-6 pm.

Next meeting will be in-person, 18 June, 5:00 p.m. at the KZFR studio.

6:12 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Davidson, Secretary