



GOLDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS KZFR COMMUNITY RADIO 90.1 FM

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KZFR Program Committee Meeting Minutes for 30 July 2026 via Zoom

Meeting commences 5:04 p.m.

Members present: Grant Parks (chair), Rob Davidson (secretary), Gladys Chavez, Julie Nilsson, Peter Ratner, Nancy Ellner (guest)

Members absent: Robert Jones, Vince Kotchian, Michelle Mussoto, Bob Steinacher

Agenda Review. GP proposes we move the discussion with Nancy Ellner to the top of the agenda as a courtesy to our guest. PR proposes we add a discussion of Lars (Dinosaur Hour) and Smiley (Cultural Roots) as New Business.

GP notes that both RJ and VK have granted him proxy votes for today's meeting.

RD motion to approve revised agenda; PR second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Public Comment

None.

Nancy Ellner show application discussion

Nancy introduces herself & her background in radio and as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). PC members ask various pre-scripted questions.

Q1: *Are you licensed & insured?* Yes, Nancy is fully licensed & insured. Has been practicing as a LCSW for over 20 years.

Q2: *Will the show be pre-recorded or live?* Nancy might begin with a mix of some parts of the show pre-recorded, like the phone calls. Some of the show, like the interview with an expert guest, would be live. Eventually she'd like to be fully live. Regarding potentially problematic calls (guest in distress), she has a lot of prior experience in radio. She can drop a call when necessary. Also, a moment like that is an opportunity to remind the listening audience what the show is and is not. It is not "therapy on the air." She will redirect any persons in distress to appropriate parties.

Q3: *What is the intended audience for the show? Will it appeal to all ages?* The show is for a general audience and will be "PG." The focus is on community and how we get through difficult times together. It is not a therapy show. Nancy will not be offering professional advice or counseling. More like commiserating and talking each other through the hard stuff.

Q4: *Do you have a private practice? How will you keep the focus on the educational and not veer into self-promotion?* Nancy is quite clear that this is not a show about offering therapy or counseling. That will not happen on the air. Nancy likes to think of herself as "accompanying" the caller on their journey of coming to terms with these difficult times. She will not mention or promote her own private practice. She will not take any callers as possible future patients. That would be a conflict of interest.

Q5: *What are some typical topics for the show? What would be a typical format?* The content will ideally be in response to current events, the temper of the times, etc. The focus is on listener engagement. Each episode will start with an introductory comment introducing a topic or theme. Nancy will offer a perspective, a deep dive into a given topic. Then she will introduce the guest for that episode, someone well-versed in the topic. Phone calls will follow.

GP asks if Nancy would prefer a 30-minute or 60-minute show. Nancy thinks an hour would be best. But she is open to suggestions.

5:28 pm Nancy leaves the call. The PC thanks Nancy for taking the time to address our questions.

A motion to approve Nancy Ellner's show proposal and demo, which will become an action item at our next meeting. JN motion to approve; GC second. Unanimous vote to approve. (GP has proxy vote for RJ and VK.)

Action Items

Approve Ska-T 'Soul Shakedown Party' moving to alternating Fridays 9 am-11:30 am. PR motion to approve; RD second. Unanimous vote to approve. (GP has proxy vote for RJ and VK.)

Approve Lili Da Silva 'Power of Love' moving to Wednesdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm. PR motion to approve; JN second. Unanimous vote to approve. (GP has proxy vote for RJ and VK.)

Program Application & Demo - Tom Gagne 'What's Growing On'. The show will air twice a month. PR likes the topic but notes that Tom is already on two other music shows. RD notes that there is definitely an audience for this show in the local gardening & farming market. Yes, Tom has other shows, though this new show is a Public Affairs show, so a different format and audience. Also, he'll have a lot of guests and Q&A. JN likes the topic and Tom is a good interviewer. RD motion to approve; GC second. Unanimous vote to approve. (GP has proxy vote for RJ and VK.)

PR suggests the PC consider the question of a policy about how many shows one programmer can have or be part of. RD agrees this is an important topic to discuss, but it can be complicated. We have some programmers who mostly sub for other people. You hear them quite often, but they sort of bounce from this show to that.

Program Application & Demo - Abe Bailey, "Voices of Vets," a public affairs talk show. GP notes that we had a prior show, a "Veteran's Forum," many years ago. The show will be live. We're not sure how frequently Abe wants to air the show. GP can talk with him about timeslot & show frequency. RD motion to approve; JN second. Unanimous vote to approve. (GP has proxy vote for RJ and VK.)

GM Report & General Discussion

Old Business

None

New Business

The Friday 6-6:30 pm timeslot needs to be filled. PR has talked to Lars (Dinosaur Hour) and Smiley (Cultural Roots), who both expressed interest in starting their shows at an earlier hour. Since we recently agreed to let Caribbean Dance Radio extend to 6:00 pm, what if we transition straight into Dinosaur Hour, followed by Cultural Roots? Lars would be 6-8:30 pm and Smiley would cover 8:30-10:30 pm.

RD asks what would follow Smiley? Would prefer a locally produced music show on a Friday night, not Radio Paradise at 10:30 pm.

PR, RD, and GP all agree that a local programmer would be ideal. Possible candidates include Jackie Powers, Vince Kotchian, and Kim Gimball. PC agrees to continue this discussion. GP will chat with possible programmers about filling a Friday night late timeslot.

Comments on Current Programming

GP notes that we have access to PRX and shows like Hidden Brain, a great public radio show not offered by KCHO. It would be free to us. Let's talk about this possibility in August. GP will forward a link and show info to the PC for consideration.

GP appreciates the tribute to late programmer Jack Quinn on a recent edition of Sunday Papers.

PR and GP note that the song list on our Shows page and the show archive frequently are inaccurate. Spintron doesn't recognize or correctly identify some tunes. Lots of gaps and errors. GP notes that, in the near future, he will ask programmers to more accurately record their playlists. The station needs to submit full & correct playlists for licensing, payment of royalties, and accountability. More info on this soon.

GP introduces a beta version of the pop-up livestream player. He will share this with the PC and wants everyone to play around with it, testing it on laptop, mobile, different browsers, etc. The intent is come up with a fix so that our stream isn't cut off whenever a guest hits a new browser tab or button (as currently happens on our website).

Meeting Finalization

Actions to be taken:

- Ska-T and Lili have been formally approved for new time slots.
- Nancy Ellner's show has been approved.
- Big T's garden show is approved.
- Abe B's veterans show is approved.

At next month's meeting, PC will consider possible changes to the Friday schedule for Lars and Smiley. GP will talk with Jackie P, Vince K, and Kim G about possible Friday night late slot.

Next meeting will be in-person, 20 August, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Davidson, Secretary