



GOLDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS KZFR COMMUNITY RADIO 90.1 FM

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KZFR Program Committee Meeting Minutes for 20 August 2026 via Zoom

Meeting commences 5:02 p.m.

Members present: Grant Parks (chair), Julie Nilsson, Peter Ratner, Vince Kotchian

Members absent: Gladys Chavez, Rob Davidson (secretary), Robert Jones, Michelle Mussoto, Bob Steinacher

Agenda Review

Agenda is approved.

Meeting Minutes

One correction to the July minutes: "Speedy" was mistakenly used when we were referring to Smiley (Cultural Roots of Aztlan). Otherwise, July minutes look good.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items

None.

GM Report & General Discussion

GP notes we do not have a quorum tonight. We can discuss agenda items, but can't vote.

Old Business

Friday evening programming. Lili, who was hosting a show on Fridays, is now broadcasting on Wednesdays (The Power of Love, 11:30am-12:30pm). There is an open slot on Fridays, 6-6:30 pm. Lars (Dinosaur Hour) & Smiley (Cultural Roots of Aztlan) have talked to GP and PR about starting their Friday shows earlier. KZFR would discontinue the Ralph Nader Hour. Lars would be on the air 6-8:30 pm. Smiley would broadcast from 8:30-10 or 10:30pm.

Rationale: When the PC approved the changes to Caribbean Dance Radio, we discussed how the change would improve the listening experience. (Friday evening is arguably less compelling for news & information. Music might be more of a crowd pleaser.)

Last month, the PC discussed what type of programming might follow Smiley on Fridays. Jackie Powers (Exposure Therapy) and VK (Indie Rock Radio) were both mentioned as possibilities.

VK has some reservations about shifting to a weekly show, including prep & workload. He believes Jackie and Corban (Corban's Corner, currently Thursdays 12am-2am) might have larger audiences.

GP appreciates VK's thoughts & the suggestion re: Corban.

New Business

GP notes that Ska-T is now doing a show every other Friday afternoon. He is also doing his Saturday show (4-5 pm). GP is contemplating offering Chester (Abba to Zappa) the Saturday 4-5 pm slot. JN and PR like this idea. GP will follow up with Chester.

GP will make a visual chart/list of open programming slots so we can easily spot any unfilled openings. PR suggests that the chart be shared publicly. This will give programmers a chance to suggest new shows or to otherwise fill in the gaps.

GP emailed NPR to let them know that KZFR is interested in adding Hidden Brain (PRX) later this fall. The PC will need to find a time slot for the show. It might be a good replacement for Project Censored (Tuesdays) or Le Show (Mondays).

JN listened to a Hidden Brain podcast and really liked what she heard. PR used to hear it on NSPR in the past, but it isn't currently being broadcast locally on KCHO.

The PC should discuss this further. It will be an action item in September.

Comments on Current Programming

GP likes the world music line-up of shows on Wednesdays: Kozmic Kev, Celt Radio, Lili's Brazilian music, Señor Phil's LA Sounds, and Brenton's evening show (Radio Radics). That is some good world music programming.

PR suggests we promote things like that on social media and PSAs (forward promotes). "World Music Wednesdays." Get the word out!

GP asks whether there are other days of the week that have a similar focus?

Meeting Finalization

Actions to be taken:

- In September, PC will vote on proposed changes to Lars's & Smiley's shows (Fridays). We need a quorum to vote.
- Follow-ups on Chester's possible Saturday move & addition of Hidden Brain.

Next meeting will be Thursday, 17 September, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

5:35 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Davidson, Secretary