



GOLDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS KZFR COMMUNITY RADIO 90.1 FM

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KZFR Program Committee Meeting Minutes for 17 September 2026 via Zoom

Meeting commences 5:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: Michelle Mussoto, Julie Nilsson, Peter Ratner

Agenda Review

Next meeting date is incorrect on Agenda. Correct date is Thursday, 15 October 2026. No other changes. VK move to approve; BS second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Previous Meeting Minutes

No changes to meeting minutes for August. RJ move to approve; GC second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items

Proposed program change: Vote on moving Lars's "Dinosaur Hour" to 6 p.m. and Smiley's "Cultural Roots" to 8:30 p.m. The Ralph Nader show would get bumped. RD thinks this is a good idea. RJ agrees. Discussion of Smiley's show length. He could be on the air until 11 p.m. if we add 30 minutes. RD suggests we ask Smiley what he prefers.

Jackie Powers is interested in a late-night Friday slot, 11:00 p.m.-1 a.m., following Smiley. She might be interested in every Friday, or might prefer every other Friday. GP will follow up with her to finalize. This will result in a solid block of music programming from Friday afternoon well into the evening.

RD moves to approve program change and suggests we ask Smiley if he'd like to add 30 minutes so he's on the air until 11 p.m. BS second. Unanimous vote to approve. Change will take place on Friday, 2 October.

Proposal to approve "Hidden Brain" (PRX), adding on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. beginning 10/6/2026. Discussion of other possible slots for the show. RJ move to approve; BS second. Unanimous vote to approve.

GM Report & General Discussion

Old Business

The Saturday 4-5 p.m. program slot is still available. Chester was invited to switch but does not want to move his show. Kim Gimball was also offered but declined.

New Business

Sarah Downs has retired from "The Down Sound." Therefore, we have a program availability on alternating Saturdays, 10 p.m.-midnight.

Grant posted in the KZFR studio a list of open program slots. RD suggests we also email existing programmers about these opportunities. GP will also announce these open slots at the next New Programmer orientation.

"Living With Wildfire," a short-form series with the Butte County Fire Safe Council, debuts 9/22 and will run for four (4) weeks Tuesdays 6-6:30 p.m. It is our most-frequently listened to download/podcast.

RD asks about attendance requirements on Program Committee. Isn't there language in the KZFR Bylaws about this? Not trying to single anyone out. Just want to make sure we're doing everything by the book. GP will double check and follow up.

Comments on Current Programming

BS appreciates all the Dolly Parton tributes on air recently. Also really liked David Fuh's morning programming.

GP reports that "What's Growing On" is getting a lot of positive feedback.

RJ praises Caribbean Dance Radio in its new, extended format. Great Friday night music!

RJ asks about Zephyr News Radio call for news reports. GP notes that Zephyr News Department is looking for short submissions on newsworthy topics. Anyone can make a recording on a topic and submit it. The News Editor will edit and prepare it.

GP notes that KZFR Board of Directors recently approved a paid staff position for a News Coordinator. Job ad is posted on Indeed. Hope to hire by the end of September and new staff member will be in position by the end of October.

Meeting Finalization

- GP will contact Lars and Smiley about the Friday evening program changes.
- GP will move forward with "Hidden Brain," adding it to the rotation.
- GP will ask Leah McKean to email programmers about available programming slots.
- GP will contact Jackie about Friday night programming (11p.m.-1 a.m.)
- GP will double check KZFR Bylaws re: attendance on Program Committee.

Next meeting will be Thursday, 15 October 2026, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

5:54 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Davidson, Secretary