King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions the meeting took place via Zoom.

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali’i), Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Kehaulani Keanaʻaina (Daughters of Hawaiʻi), Puakeʻala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Heli Silva (Island of Moloka‘i), Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), Kēhau Peʻa (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Lyah Kama-Drake (Island of Kaua‘i), Kimo Alama Keaulana, (Kapahulu Music Club)

Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola with Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair), Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawaiʻi).

Not present: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Vacant (Papakōlea Community Association), Vacant (Island of Lāna‘i) and Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), Keone Kealoha, (Kanu Hawai‘i), and Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i).

I. Call to Order -- Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Ian Custino, Co-Chair. Quorum was established.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s) -- Both June and July Meeting Minutes were approved with minor changes noted.
   a. Executive Director’s Report -- Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks along with finalizing fiscal year end reports. Met with SFCA regarding HiPro Procurement System utilization, drafted guidelines and authorization form for providing photographic permission for the statues, began HiPro training, completed the Personal Action Request for Executive Director Position, completed 4th Quarter Vacancy Report, participated
in Retention Committee Meetings and met with Lionel Wright of Papakōlea Community Association regarding the status of the Commission

III. KKCC Business
   a. Executive Committee Report -- Once the department transition discussed last month we are planning to meet to do long range planning.
   
   b. Financial Update (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai’i) -- Nothing to report.
      i. Fundraising Committee (Ian Custino) -- Ian noted that once we get the transfer of the department finalized we will begin pursuing some long term plans for sustainability. He also posed the question to determine if KKCC should continue to purchase a membership with CNHA since we are no longer working directly with them. No decision was made and this will be tabled until the next meeting.

IV. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives
   a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   
   b. ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Louise advised that they have restarted their meeting and currently have over 40 members participating.
   
   c. Hale O Nā Aliʻi (Ian Custino) – Ian noted that their virtual convention will be coming up soon.
   
   d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puakeʻala Mann) -- Puakeʻala noted that presently only na luna are meeting until the regulations are relaxed.
   
   e. Daughters of Hawaiʻi (Kēhauani Keana‘aina) -- They are continuing planning a Ho‘olauleʻa workshop and Pa‘u Parade.
   
   f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe’a) -- Kēhau advised that at the last AHCC she reiterated that she is the conduit for communication with KKCC and also answered any questions members may have had related to our previous Lei Draping Ceremony. Kēhau had been experiencing some issues with the communications protocol and worked with the AHCC President and Executive Committee to reiterate and reinforce the line of communication and reminded other members of the related boundries when communicating. Ian reiterated that no one deserves to be bullied or treated poorly as a volunteer King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner. He kakoed and mahaloed her for speaking up professionally, following protocol and reiterating boundries.
   
   g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   
   h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo asked for recommendations from anyone that can provide 3,000 yellow Plumeria for Thursday morning. Kēhauani recommended Hawaiʻi Greeters and will provide the contact information.
   
   i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

V. Hawaiʻi Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

VI. Maui Report (Moanikeaʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.

VII. Kauaʻi Report (Lyah Kama-Drake) – Nothing to report.

VIII. Molokaʻi Report (Heli Silva) -- Heli noted that the registrations for Pa‘u will be going out at the end of the week and they will be collaborating with three organizations for the 2022 Pa‘u Parade and Royal Ball.

IX. Lānaʻi Report (Vacant) — Nothing to report.
X.  O'ahu Report (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.

XI.  Commission Reports

   a.  Legislative (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
   b.  Statuary (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
   c.  Retention (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- On behalf of the Retention Committee, Kēhaulani asked that even though your term may still be for several years before expiration that everyone determine and qualify their potential replacement prior to the time they exit the Commission. She advised that everyone will receive reminders regarding selecting your prospective replacement to build our future pipeline of Commissioners. Please provide the suggested replacement name and current contact information along with yours. Currently we have four vacant seats at present and we are working hard to replace those positions. Hopefully by Thursday we will have a name for the KSAA Commission Seat. She thanked Heli for the suggested name for Lanai as well as Papakolea. The committee humbly pleads if you know of anyone that lives on Lāna‘i we are looking for a contacts. Kimo reminded everyone that in a previous meeting he had suggested Susu who handles the Pineapple Festival. Kainoa was following up but had not reported on the status of this recommendation to date. Puake‘ala had also provided a Nani who handles the Maui Aloha Festival’s events but it was noted that both Nani and Makani, Hele’s suggestion for Lāna‘i were not authorized as they don’t live on island. Kēhau noted that the committee was proposing to write a letter to the legislature to allow leniency for the residency requirement for commissioners as it is challenging to fill the positions. Moani suggested that we potentially propose that the requirement could be revised and expanded to residents of Maui Nui. Regarding Papakōlea Community Association although Lilia has volunteered and applied currently the organization needs to pay the DCCA fees in order for her to qualify. It was also noted that Denise will need to submit her application and related documentation for her commission seat to represent Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association in order to be an official candidate.

d.  State Archives (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Ian noted that Hailama Farden is working on expanding Kamehameha Schools digital archives in various capacities and suggested the Kimo reach out to him. Kēhau mentioned that volunteer from various churches are assist in digitizing the images presently at the Hawai‘i State Archives.

e.  O‘ahu Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a and Pā‘ū Units (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Clint advised the Kala Foundation is finalizing Lei Draping payments this week.

f.  150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee -- 2022 Theme: E Ola Ka Mōʻi Kamehameha -- Long live King Kamehameha!

XII.  Public Testimony -- None

XIII.  Miscellaneous -- Nothing to report.

XIV.  Upcoming meeting -- Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XV.  Adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.