King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19’s gathering restrictions; the meeting took place via Zoom.

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Kehaulani Keana'aina, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), Kimo Alama Keaulana, (Kapahulu Music Club) and Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i) and Keone Kealoha, (Kanu Hawai‘i).

Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola with Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair), Bev Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), Faith Kalamau (Papakōlea resident) and Lu Lankford-Faborito.

Not present: Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), Heli Silva (Island of Moloka‘i), Kēhau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Puake‘ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaaaua), Lyah Kama-Drake (Island of Kaua‘i), Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Vacant (Papakōlea Community Association), Vacant (Island of Lāna‘i) and Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association).

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was not established.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s) — Tabled until the next meeting

III. Executive Director’s Report — Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks, met with State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) regarding HIPro (State of Hawai‘i eProcurement) Procurement System utilization, met with SFCA to review office signage and installment, completed all but three HIePro training courses for an elevated level of procurement. Then met with SFCA to work on creating a web page on their site for our KKCC needs. Attended the bi-monthly staff meeting, distributed the commission certificates to Kehaulani, Kainoa and Desiree for notarization and then sent to
Sharon Ibara. Worked on scheduling Oʻahu statue cleaning and the surrounding grounds. Also met with the KKCC retention committee.

IV. KKCC Business
   a. Executive Committee Report — Nothing to report.
   b. Financial Update (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawaiʻi) — Received a check for $10,000 from Kamehameha Schools. Payment was made for photographer and newspaper, advertising a remaining total balance of $4,876.
      i. Fundraising Committee (Ian Custino) — Nothing to report.

V. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives
   a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) — Still meeting via Zoom.
   b. ‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu (Louise Alina) — Their general meetings have been paused for now. Louise confirmed that they did receive their check from the Kala Foundation and thanked them. Please note that lei day will be coming up in May 2022 and they will be raising awareness to everyone, especially to those in the age category of 46 – 60 years old to apply for Lei King or Lei Queen; applications are due in January 2022.
   c. Hale O Nā Aliʻi (Ian Custino) — Nothing to report.
   d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puakeʻala Mann) — Nothing to report.
   e. Daughters of Hawaiʻi (Kehaulani Keanaʻaina) — They have cancelled the day at Queen Emma Summer Palace and are doing support boxes instead. They are sourcing local vendors to participate with different levels of boxes. Please forward information on vendors for the gift shop and the boxes.
   f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Peʻa) — Nothing to report
   g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Vacant) — Nothing to report.
   h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) — Just in case there will be a parade in 2022, he is planning to hold a pāʻū draping workshop.
      i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) — Nothing to report.
      j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) — Nothing to report.

VI. Hawaiʻi Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz) — Everything is on hold and she’ll wait to see what activities can happen.

VII. Maui Report (Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner) — They will be holding their first pāʻū meeting this Thursday via Zoom. They are currently scheduling for a live 2022 parade and will soon decide if it will be live or virtual.

VIII. Kauaʻi Report (Lyah Kama-Drake) — Nothing to report.

IX. Molokaʻi Report (Heli Silva) — Nothing to report.

X. Lānaʻi Report (Vacant) — Nothing to report.

XI. Oʻahu Report (Kainoa Daines) — Nothing to report.

XII. Commission Reports
   a. Legislative (Manu Powers) — Nothing to report.
   b. Statuary (Desiree Moana Cruz) — Amy will secure a schedule from SFCA for the cleaning and maintenance of all statues on each island. Kainoa has suggested a fee for statue visitation by commercial companies. Desiree will follow up with KSAA to maintain the Hilo Lei Draping Ceremony. We plan to meet with Micah Alameda with KSAA Hilo to discuss the transition.
   c. Retention (Kēhau Peʻa & Kehaulani Keanaʻaina) — On behalf of the Retention committee, Kehaulani reported that currently we have four vacant seats (Lānaʻi, Kamehameha Schools Alumni, Waimānalo and Papakōlea) at present and are
actively pursuing to fill those positions by the end of the year. Kehaulani noted that the Papakōlea Community Association (PCA) paid the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs’ (DCCA) fee and will notify Sharon Ibara with the Boards and Commissions that Lilia Kapuni’ai is qualified to fill the commission seat; It was also noted that Denise Ka’a’a still needs to submit her application and other related documentation to officially represent Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association. Kehaulani thanked Lu Lankford-Faborito for providing contacts for the Lāna’i seats and she noted that we now have two prospective Lāna’i Candidates: Nani Zablan and Saul Kauhihihikolo, Jr. Also, she spoke with KSAA and had a good conversation regarding the position. She confirmed that Kawika Trask will be able to attend the meetings.

Kehaulani also reminded everyone to forward their updated contact information to Amy. She thanked everyone who already updated their contact info: Kainoa, Louise, Ian, Puakeʻala, Kehaulani, Kimo, Kēhau, Desiree, Lyah, Moani, Heli, Bev, Clint, Manu and Keone. In the past, Amy snail mailed something to all of the commissioners, thus needing a home address. The commissioners are not bound to share their home address with the committee, however, it’s an example of why it is helpful to include a home address in their KKCC contact information. Also, the committee doesn’t want several email addresses and phone numbers; only their priority email address, phone number, and address.

The idea of proposing a change in the Boards and Commissions’ rules to the legislation has been tabled.

Reminder: upcoming end of terms for June 2022: Ian (Hale O Nā Aliʻi) and Lyah (Kauaʻi Island). Both will need to reapply with letter of intent, resume, and only Ian needs a letter of recommendation from his organization; next end of terms for June 2023: Puakeʻala (Māmakakaua), Kimo (Kapahulu Music Club) and Moanikeʻala (Maui Island).

The committee is currently creating an orientation packet for newly installed commissioners. Kainoa is in the process of updating the Roles and Responsibilities to also include in the packet. If the island commissioners would like to submit something specific to their island, please forward that information to Kainoa. Kainoa also noted that every commission seat should have kuleana within the commission and be aware of what their organization brings to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. We are hopeful to make some additional adjustments to the Roles and Responsibilities and distribute for comment. This will be a working document that is subject to evolve. A long-term goal will be for all commissioners to learn an oli in honor of Kamehameha ‘Ekahi in order to provide a minimal protocol altogether.

d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) — Nothing to report.

e. **Oʻahu Parade, Hoʻolauleʻa and Pāʻū Units** (Clint Kalaola, Oʻahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) — Clint advised they are working on something for Hoʻolauleʻa but nothing is finalized. Kainoa Daines, Oʻahu Parade Co-Chair, reported that a virtual parade for 2022 may be considered and are investigating options. Postponing the 150th celebration to the following year is an option, but it’s leaning more toward being held in 2022 rather than in 2023. The Parade committee
is looking to do a one-to-two-hour special to represent the statewide celebration. This would include featuring the O‘ahu Parade. The committee held a brief meeting with Kēhau Pe‘a, Pāʻū Queen, to be given the option to participate as Queen in a possible virtual parade. Bev Lee, Pāʻū Chairperson, also plans to meet with the Pāʻū Princesses to discuss if they want to participate virtually.

f. **150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** — 2022 Theme: E Ola Ka Mōʻī Kamehameha! – Long live King Kamehameha!

XIII. **Public Testimony** — Lu Lankford-Faborito inquired if funding for the activities will be done statewide or if Moloka‘i (and Maui County) will be on their own. Kainoa responded to Lu the need for a meeting with the island event coordinators in order to determine every island’s needs. Once that information is received, then we will schedule a meeting with the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority prior to the next meeting and report back in October. He advised Lu to work through Heli, the Moloka‘i Commissioner, to get additional funding information.

XIV. **Miscellaneous** — Nothing to report.

XV. **Upcoming meeting** — Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XVI. **Adjourn** — Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.