King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022
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), Kehaulani Keana‘aina, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Kimo Alama Keaulana, (Kapahulu Music Club), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), Kēhau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i) and Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu).

Attendees: Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), Clint Kalaola with Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair)

Not present: Puake‘ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Lyah Kama-Drake (Island of Kaua‘i), Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Heli Silva (Island of Moloka‘i), Lilia Kapuni‘ai (Papakōlea Community Association), Julian Keikilani Ako (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Denise Ka‘a‘a (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Vacant (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Vacant (Papakōlea Community Association), Vacant (Island of Lāna‘i) and Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association).

I. **Call to Order** -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair.

II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)** -- Quorum was not established. The November and December meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting. The Governor issued an “Emergency Proclamation Related to Sunshine Law In-Person Meetings,” which suspends the requirement for remote meetings to have at least one in-person meeting location until at least February 28, 2022. Commissioners were reminded that they need to have their videos on although other public attendees do not. Please be sure to announce themselves, speak slowly, be concise and address only relevant information. In addition, when attending virtually, Commissioners should announce anyone present in their residence.

III. **Commission Reports**
a. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
b. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree announced that James and Mariah O’Conner are also present at her location. Nothing to report.
c. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe’a and Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhau reported that the steps to apply for a Commission seat have been uploaded to the shared folder. She also noted that Kāwika Trask with Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association stepping down as the nominee for the Commission due to work related challenges. Kehaulani thanked Julian Ako who advised he is going to select a new representative for the Commission by the February meeting.
d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo advised he is going to the Archives on Monday to review some of their new acquisitions and hopes to have more to report next month.
e. **Oʻahu Parade, Hoʻolauleʻa and Pāʻū Units** (Clint Kalaola, Oʻahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Kainoa reported that the Oʻahu Events Committee met on Sunday and the report is in the Commission shared folder. They determined there will be no Grand Marshal this year as the concensus is that his legacy is everyone in the Hawaiian Community rather than one individual. Kainoa called out one section in the report that they had discussed following our last meeting in which Kimo noted that the current statewide and Oʻahu parade theme translation sounds as though Kamehameha ʻEkahi is still alive. There was discussion regarding changing the theme to E Ola Ka Inoa ʻO Kamehameha which was agreed upon. In a proactive effort to provide and implement safety protocols for the parade, Beverly Lee is looking into a COVID management sponsorship from Kaiser Permanente to include temperature checks, masks and social distancing support. The Hoʻolauleʻa is being planned for Aloha Tower Marketplace. Also, the planned May 25 General Parade Meeting, normally held at the State Capitol will be moved to Kapiolani Bandstand to provide a safe outdoor meeting space. Awaiting final confirmation on availability of space from Kapiolani Park permitting.
f. **150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported we are working with the DOE and several museums across the state to celebrate Kamehameha with exhibits. Confirmations include: Kauaʻi Museum, Huliheʻe and Queen Emma Summer Palaces, ʻIolani Palace, Bailey House and Lyman House Museums, Honolulu State Art Museum. Although communications began in 2020 COVID has been hampering the planning. We are awaiting information from the participants on what to include in the marketing materials.

IV. **KKCC Business**

a. **Executive Director’s Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy completed the regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks and attended the monthly DAGS meeting. We were advised by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) that they are working on processing our Lei Draping Funding. In addition, she completed the procurement training and is awaiting procurement authorization.

b. **Executive Committee Report** -- Nothing to report.

i. **Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Ian noted that the financial statement is the same as last meeting.
ii. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Ian reported HTA has awarded us $150,000 of the $330,000 requested. Shortly, Ian will advise of our plan to bridge the funding gap. SFCA has awarded $50,000 for statewide Lei Drapings for O‘ahu and Kohala as KSAA Hilo’s organizing entity has determined they will self fund this year. Kau‘i Burgess with Kamehameha Schools has confirmed a $10,000 sponsorship.

V. **Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives**

a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa has confirmed that he will have a qualified replacement when his seat expires and will send the contact information to the Retention Committee. He also confirmed the organization has committed to providing a float in the O‘ahu Parade.

b. ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Louise reported they held their first in-person meeting and had nominations for new board officers. They also attended the celebration for the Hawaiian Mission Houses Printing Press and were able to operate the press.

c. Hale O Nā Ali‘i (Ian Custino) -- Ian announced that longtime member, Lauralei Castro, has passed and her services will be held on Thursday at Borthwick Chapel at 8:45 am.

d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.

e. Daughters of Hawaiʻi (Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kehaulani announced two events, “Mu‘u at the Museum” will be held on January 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hānaia-kamalama on O‘ahu and they have already sold 100 tickets. The other is on February 12, “A Day at Hulihe‘e Palace” on Hawai‘i Island.

f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pēʻa) -- Kēhau noted that AHCC will be holding a virtual convention the second week of January. The Board of Directors Retreat which was to be an in-person event has been postponed.

g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo advised he has amassed 134 newspaper articles about their organization some of which are related to the Commission. These have been uploaded to the shared folder.

i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

VI. **Hawai‘i Island Report** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

VII. **Maui Report** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.

VIII. **Kaua‘i Report** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.

IX. **Moloka‘i Report** (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.

X. **Lāna‘i Report** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

XI. **Public Testimony** – None.

XII. **Miscellaneous** -- Nothing to report.

XIII. **Upcoming Meeting** -- Tuesday, February 8, 2022, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

XIV. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.