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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 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), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka'i) and **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i).

Attendees: **Beverly Lee** (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Clint Kalaola** with Tidal Wave Productions (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Julian Keikilani Ako** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association) and **Manu Powers** (Daughters of Hawai'i).

Not present: **Lilia Kapuni'ai** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Denise Ka'a'a** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'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, establish quorum*** -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair.
- II. ***Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)*** -- Quorum was established. The meeting minutes were approved for November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022.
- III. ***Executive Director's Report*** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reminded Commissioners that the Governor issued an "Emergency Proclamation Related to Sunshine Law for In-Person Meetings," which suspends the requirement for remote meetings to have at least one in-person meeting location until late March 2022. Commissioners were reminded that their video must be on throughout the meeting, while 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. Amy noted she completed the regularly required DAGS administrative duties and tasks and attended the monthly DAGS meeting as well as HTA meetings. Also, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) will be hosting a more robust website and be providing our updates. A link will be sent a link for review.

IV. ***KKCC Business***

***i. Executive Committee Report*** -- Kainoa and Amy met with ABC Mouse, a website that receives 200,000 viewers per day. We will be working with them on some keiki programming. Also, we are considering to set up a Friends of King Kamehameha Celebration similar to that of the Friends of the Library. This would be in support of our overall mission. A vote to create an investigative committee will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

***ii. Financial Update*** (Ian Custino) -- Kainoa reported on behalf of Ian noting that the balance has not changed from last month.

***i. Fundraising Committee*** (Ian Custino) -- Kainoa reported on behalf of Ian that HTA has awarded us statewide funding in the amount of \$150,000 of which the original request was \$375,000. Amy asked each island to update their funding request last week via email and essentially those revised amounts have been approved by the Executive Committee. Amy will be reaching out to all funded recipients individually to review the amounts and process. Also, a budget and draft sponsorship letters are in the shared folder for review. We plan to post a sponsorship fundraising list for everyone to sign up to pursue their contacts as we want to avoid duplication. We hope to engage sponsors statewide initially and then pursue fundraising to fill the gaps as needed per island. For example, currently Kainoa is working with Kau'i Burgess to secure funding from Kamehameha Schools. But that is a different pot of funds than, for example, in Maui Nui which can also be pursued. Let's be sure to coordinate the requests and check the shared folder for fundraising pursuit list prior to reaching out to sponsors.

***iii. Committee Reports***

***i. Legislative*** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.

***ii. Statuary*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

***iii. Retention*** (Kēhau Pe'a and Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Kehaulani announced that we are still seeking candidates for the vacant positions. She also thanked Julian Ako from KSAA for continuing to pursue someone to replace nominee, Kāwika Trask, who is unable to participate.

***iv. State Archives*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.

***v. Events***

***1. Kaua'i Lei Draping/Ho'olaule'a*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.

***2. O'ahu***

***a. Parade, Ho'olaule'a*** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Co-Chair) -- Parade Committee met and revised the original budget. Clint announced that he is currently working to secure Aloha Tower Marketplace as the venue for the Ho'olaule'a but is still awaiting a response. Also, it was noted that we were not able to secure the Convention Center as it is unavailable this year for float building, so we are looking for a location.

- b. ***Pā'ū Units*** (Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Nothing to report.
    - c. ***Statue Lei Draping*** (Louise Alina) -- Planning is in progress, with nothing new to report.
  - 3. ***Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a*** (Heli Silva) -- Heli advised she is awaiting approval of events' permits and may need to make adjustments but promises that the activities will still be fabulous.
  - 4. ***Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a*** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- The Maui Committee met in January and they have selected a Pā'ū Queen. They meet on the third Thursday of each month. They are still awaiting approval for their permit but have been notified by the County that vendors are not authorized. However, they to plan to proceed with the parade.
  - 5. ***Lāna'i*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
  - 6. ***Island of Hawai'i***
    - a. ***Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree advised that for the last two years they have not been permitted to gather officially for the Hilo or Kohala Lei Draping Ceremonies, however, individuals did privately gather to celebrate King Kamehameha Day beautifully. Currently private citizens are planning to hold unofficial activities and if restrictions are not lifted, activities will continue to be private.
    - b. ***Kona Lei Draping/Parade/ Ho'olaule'a*** (Manu Powers) -- Manu noted they had a Kona Parade Committee Meeting. She commented that she had met with the Mayor and have his blessing to model the King Kamehameha Day Celebration activities accordingly with the Merrie Monarch Festival.
  - 7. ***150<sup>th</sup> Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing new to report

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

- i. ***Royal Order of Kamehameha*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa will ask the organization to absorb the float-building costs to accommodate our budget.
- ii. ***'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu*** (Louise Alina) -- Louise reported they are in the planning stages for their celebration in March for Queen Ka'ahumanu at Mauna Ala.
- iii. ***Hale O Nā Ali'i*** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- iv. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake'ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.
- v. ***Daughters of Hawai'i*** (Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Kehaulani announced the "Mu'u at the Museum" event was a success. "A Day at Hulihe'e Palace" on Hawai'i Island is coming up on February 12. Also, if you would like to purchase a subscription box in support of the organization they are still available.
- vi. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Kēhau Pē'a) -- Nothing to report.
- vii. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** (Vacant) -- Julian Ako advised he is working on securing a candidate for the Commission seat. The KSAA Board of

Trustees held a meeting on January 26 and have secured three outstanding wahine finalists.

- viii. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo advised he reached out to the Punahou Band to participate in the parade. They indicated they are not able to participate this year due to COVID but would love to participate in 2023.
- ix. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- x. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- xi. ***Island of Hawai‘i*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree inquired about funding for malo and kīhei to assist in the Lei Draping Ceremonies. Amy noted that funds were already allocated for these items and recommended that they connect offline to determine estimates and suppliers. She also asked if funds were available it would be good to include kāhili into the Lei Draping Ceremonies.
- xii. ***Island of Maui*** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Considering adding a polo match to their festivities. Moani announced that on February 23 there are a contingent from Miss Rodeo Hawai‘i that will go to Miss Rodeo in Texas.
- xiii. ***Island of Kaua‘i*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report
- xiv. ***Island of Moloka‘i*** (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.
- xv. ***Island of Lāna‘i*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- VI. ***Public Testimony*** -- None.
- VII. ***Upcoming Meeting*** -- Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- VIII. ***Adjourn*** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.