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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 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: **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui).

Attendees: **Denise Ka'a'a** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Beverly Lee** (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Clint Kalaola** with Tidal Wave Productions (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Mark Crabbe** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association).

Not present: **Kainoa Daines** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka'i) and **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Kimo Alama Keulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Lilia Kapuni'ai** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua'i), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Manu Powers** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Vacant** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Vacant** (Island of Lāna'i), **Vacant** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association).

- I. ***Call to Order, establish quorum*** -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Amy Hammond, Executive Director.
- II. ***Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)*** -- Quorum was not established. The February meeting minutes will be tabled until next meeting.
- 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 attendee videos 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. Amy was able to complete her procurement training to obtain HiPro procurement status. She was also able to work with HTA and the Attorney General's office to complete the contract for funding and secure the insurance requirements for the grant.

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. We also met with Mana Comics who is doing a comic about the early years of King Kamehameha.
- ii. **Vote to form an Investigative Committee to create a Friends of King Kamehameha Celebration Organization** -- Due to the lack of quorum the vote to create an investigative committee was table until the next meeting.
- iii. **Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Amy reported on behalf of Ian that there are no changes since last month.
 - i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Amy reported the sponsorship proposal is forthcoming.

iv. **Committee Reports**

- i. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- A legislative hearing for approval of Ian's Commission seat is planned for March 14, but will most likely be rescheduled. Other hearings are yet to be scheduled for the incoming Commission appointments.
- ii. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
- iii. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe'a and Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhau thanked Mark Crabbe for following through with his application for the KSAA seat. She commented that everyone including Denise Ka'a'a's application is still in progress for Waimānalo Homestead and the Lāna'i seat is still vacant. Lyah, Kaua'i Commissioner, will not renew her seat and we are awaiting response from her suggested replacement nominee, Kimo Perry.
- 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) -- Clint reported that the Ho'olaule'a will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 11 am – 4 pm at the Queen Kapi'olani Park instead of Aloha Tower Marketplace. Like previous years, it will include merchandise vendors, informational booths, entertainment, and cultural activities. The parade committee met and are finalizing the parade application. Also, it was noted that the Convention Center is unavailable this year for float building and we are seeking a new building location.
- b. **Pā'ū Units** (Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Beverly reported that currently our Pā'ū Queen and seven of our eight island units have secured horses. This year we will have four horses per unit which will include Page, Princess, one escort and one attendant. She has also secured a State Banner Page

and is continuing to work on securing horses for the last island. The lack of horses is due to Gunstock Ranch's inability to rent their horses this year. Many of the horses from various ranches have died or been sold. North Shore Stables will provide a unit and each rider is to pay \$1,700 per horse. Challenges occur but they are working through them. A verbal agreement was made for the pā'ū units to stage at the 'Iolani Palace Grounds and for pā'ū drapers to wrap at Kana'ina Building.

c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Planning is in progress, with nothing new to report.

3. **Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.

4. **Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported that a public meeting will be held at the College. They will have all eight islands represented, with six horses in each unit. They have collaborated with the polo community and will add a polo match on June 18. She also inquired if O'ahu is approved for having vendors at the Ho'olaule'a as the County has restricted them for Maui. Clint advised he has not had any objections at the time.

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) -- Nothing to report.

b. **Kona Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Manu Powers) -- Kehaulani reported they are focusing on additional funding and social media. They have a new chairperson for Ho'olaule'a and will be holding the event on the grounds of Hulihe'e Palace. Also, they have secured six horses per island and will have many new riders to participate this year.

7. **150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** (Kainoa Daines) -- Amy reported for Kainoa and Desiree that they have been working to secure a variety of museums and art galleries to host tributes to King Kamehameha. The Volcano Arts Center will be hosting an art contest. Please see their website for additional information. Once finalized, a list of activities will be posted on the KKCC website.

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

i. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Kainoa Daines) -- Amy reported on behalf of Kainoa that the Royal Order agreed to absorb the balance of float-building costs to accommodate our budget.

ii. **'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Louise reported that they held elections and voted in a new board to begin in April. The position of President remains the same.

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 they will be holding a celebration on March 17 in remembrance of Kauikeaouli, King Kamehameha III, at Kauikeaouli Stone, Keauhou Bay at 9:15 am. They are working

with Kamehameha Schools, Royal Order of Kamehameha, Hawai'i Civic Clubs and local hālau to collaborate on the celebration.

- vi. **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs** (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu will be hosting an event to recognize the 151st birthday of Prince Kūhiō on March 26 at Mauna ‘Ala. There will also be events via Lei Ali‘i to honor Kūhiō throughout the month of March.
 - vii. **Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association** (Vacant) -- Mark Crabbe, who will be joining the Commission was welcomed.
 - viii. **Kapahulu Music Club** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - ix. **Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association** (Denise Ka‘a‘a) -- Denise noted they hope to get involved with Prince Kūhiō’s birthday celebration. The organization is looking to elect a new board and amend some bylaws at the next March 21 meeting. Elections rescheduled from January will take place in either April or May.
 - x. **Papakōlea Community Association** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
 - xi. **Island of Hawai‘i** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
 - xii. **Island of Maui** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported the Maui Pā‘ū Queen, Ashley Branco, has ridden for eight consecutive years. Hats off to her as she would have ridden in 2020 if COVID-19 did not occur. In 2021, she did not participate in the virtual parade, but she is looking forward to completing her pā‘ū journey in 2022. The upcoming assistance by the Polo community is a substantial reason for adding a polo match to their festivities.
 - 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, April 12, 2022, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- VIII. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.