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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Multipurpose Room

Commission Attendees: **Kainoa Daines** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), **Kēhau Pe‘a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), **Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Puake‘ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Napu‘una Crabbe** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), and **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai‘i)

Attendees: **Manu Powers** (Daughters of Hawai‘i), **Beverly Lee** (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Clint Kalaola** with Tidal Wave Productions (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair), **Faith Kalamau**, (Papakōlea Community), and **Madison Coburn**, Student.

Not present: **Kehaulani Keana‘aina** (Daughters of Hawai‘i), **Denise Ka‘a‘a** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua‘i), **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 6:09 p.m. by Ian Custino, Vice-Chair. Chair Kainoa Daines joined and then proceeded to conduct the roll call.
- II. ***Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)*** -- Quorum was established. The February and March meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ***Public Testimony*** -- None.
- IV. ***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 including completing the quarterly inventory, revenue estimate reports, governor's goal and achievement report. She participated in a series of meetings with HTA, ABC Mouse, Senator Taniguchi's Office, Mana Comics, Kanu Hawai'i, Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu to determine protocol for statue lei removal following Lei Draping. Amy drafted and posted the procurement document for Logistics Coordinator in order to allocate our HTA grant funding. She worked with HTA and the Attorney General's office to complete the contract language for funding and secure the insurance requirements for the grant. She provided information to all events regarding the process to receive the HTA funding. Amy completed the applications for Individuals, Parade, Mō‘ī and Pā‘ū. She noted that we have a new website: KamehamehaDay.Hawaii.Gov. She submitted testimony for commission candidates: Napu‘una Crabbe and Ian Custino. She provided sample testimony and instructions to commissioners for submitting their testimony in support of Ian and Napu‘una and were approved. Amy also met with the mayor's office to secure sponsorship and invited the mayor to attend the events.

V. **KKCC Business**

- i. **Executive Committee Report** -- Kainoa and Amy met with ABC Mouse and Mana Comics to develop a keiki program.
- ii. **Vote to form an Investigative Committee to create a Friends of King Kamehameha Celebration Organization** -- Kainoa explained that there may be an opportunity for commissioners, whose terms are retiring, to continually support the efforts of the commission by participating in this potential organization. A vote was held and approved to create an investigative committee; a name for the committee will also be determined. The formation of a Friends of King Kamehameha Celebration organization will be discussed further. Napu‘una volunteered to chair the investigative committee.
- iii. **Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Ian reported there no changes since last month. Amy previously sent the sponsorship letter and package and will resend to everyone. Please refer to our shared folder. We are building a contact list so please refer to it to ensure there are no duplications. Please use the sample letter and package to send out information to your potential donors.
 - i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Amy will resend the sponsorship information or share the link with everyone. Add potential donor's name and use the sample letter to send out to your contacts and please follow up with them when its sent.
- iv. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Manu reported that a couple of bills are in play, HB1785 about tourism management, and a few others she is aware of. A legislative hearing was held for approval of Napu‘una Crabbe and Ian Custino'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) -- Desiree reported that Keke Kaniho, from Kohala who does the protocol for Kohala and Hilo, and Micah Kamohoali‘i

will be sharing their mana‘o on establishing best practices for the Lei Draping Ceremonies. In Hilo, Kumu Moses Crabbe does a welcome and oli for everyone who comes up to the statue and does an introduction for everyone on the mound. Desiree recommended and Ian echoed for someone to do this for the O‘ahu Lei Draping as well. Kimo reported that Kapahulu Music Club had assisted with lei draping many years ago. He noted that Adaline Lee’s daughter, Candice, provided Kimo with documents when Adaline passed. He will research and share these with the commission following the event this year. Ian noted that we would like to have someone, like Elijah, a past Lei Draping Ceremony assistant, to greet those who present lei at the ceremony. We need to keep in mind the balance of cultural and time constraints. Desiree shared that in 2021 Elijah showed up at the statue in a malo to receive the lei and eventually Kainoa assigned him to assist. Kainoa suggested that we be opened to creating roles for people to participate in the Lei Draping Ceremonies. Ian agreed and reiterated that we embrace his participation as perhaps a Sergeant at Arms. This is something that could be incorporated into the duties of the potential new organization, Friends of the King Kamehameha Celebration, or within the Statuary Committee. Kainoa, Desiree and Amy will hold a meeting. Amy is developing some security protocols. Previously we have had a security presence in the past from Papakōlea. It is important to identify acceptable behavior and ho‘okupu in the protocols.

- iii. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe‘a and Kehaulani Keana‘aina)* -- Kēhau thanked Napu‘unoa Crabbe for being confirmed for his first term and Ian Custino for his second term. The contact information in the shared folder was updated to reflect Napu‘unoa’s information. Currently there are five commission seats available to fill. She acknowledged the passing of our Moloka‘i Commissioner, Heli Silva Ducaroy, who passed and her seat is vacant. Also, Lyah, our Kaua‘i Commissioner’s seat will expire on June 30 and will not renew. We are awaiting response from her suggested replacement nominee, Kimo Perry. She recognized Faith from the Papakōlea Community who was at the meeting, noting that their seat was still vacant, yet they’re appreciated for their support and participation in the O‘ahu Lei Draping Ceremony. She commented that Denise Ka‘a‘a’s application is still in progress for Waimānalo Homestead; she is just awaiting a letter from the board president once their board elections occur in May. She noted, the Lāna‘i Seat is still vacant and has been for approximately 5 years. Kainoa mentioned that a contact from Lāna‘i has noted that they have prioritized putting the Pineapple Festival together and is interested in possibly participating in 2023. Manu noted that for Kaua‘i she may have some persons of interest from the Daughters of Hawai‘i.

- iv. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana)* – Kimo had responded to a request from Paula Allen with the San Antonio Express News and wanted to confirm the Kamehameha Day Queen from 1920. He worked with the archivists at Punahou School and it turns out that she was the Kamehameha Day Queen in 1940. He was able to identify a few newspaper articles with a variety of information.

- v. **Events***

- 1. *Kaua‘i Lei Draping/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Per Kimo Perry, they are planning to do the Ho‘olaule‘a. They are just awaiting the event approval permit. Kainoa commented that he understood that the Pride Parade was permitted so hoping that we everything will move along.
- 2. *O‘ahu***
 - a. *Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Co-Chair) -- Clint reported that everything is moving along. We are just working with the city to secure the Neal Blaisdell and are awaiting word if the venue is locking down. He noted that the ball is rolling on the DOD site on 22nd Avenue for the float dismantling area. He is also finalizing the vendor application to go out shortly for the Ho‘olaule‘a to be held on Saturday, June 11, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 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 we have horses for all the islands and the Pā‘ū Queen. 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. The Queen has her eight islands and we have all of the islands filled. They will be meeting this Saturday.
 - c. *Statue Lei Draping*** (Louise Alina) -- She announced that they have a new board but the planning is in progress, and we are on target.
- 3. *Moloka‘i Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Vacant) -- It was announced that Moloka‘i Commissioner, Heli Silva Ducaroy, passed away and services will be at St. Augustine Church for visitation on April 30 at 7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., services at 10 a.m. On May 7, from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. visitation will also be held on Moloka‘i. Amy will follow up and distribute information to everyone. Moani noted that the Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a will be on the same date on June 4. Daryl was on Moloka‘i and met with potential replacement candidates.
- 4. *Maui Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported they had 28 participants at a meeting held on March 30 to

advise the public that the parade is happening and gathering interest. Daryl also did a presentation rearding ho‘olaule‘a. On April 9 Moani held an equestrian event and meeting with two full units where the first-time riders practiced pā‘ū wrapping and rode around so they could see what it was like. She noted that they have a facebook page 2022 Maui Kamehamha Pā‘ū Parade with photos posted. They also have a workshop on April 30 on learn how to do hair, body lei, and bursts hosted at the Maui Community College.

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) -- Manu Power reported that they held a parade committee meeting this evening and a ho‘olaule‘a at Hulihe‘e this morning and are in full planning mode. They have the mayor’s approval and plans are moving forward and permits have been secured. A Pā‘ū Workshop will be held at the Kona Historical Society with the date to be determined. Manu noted they have all units in place and she will be riding this year in the parade in Kona. She mentioned that unfortunately they would not be sending anyone to Kohala this year for the Lei Draping Ceremony. Kainoa mentioned that he was told that in Kohala the street closure is only for one hour and every minute over that time there is a \$100 fine from the county.

b. *Kona Lei Draping/Parade/ Ho‘olaule‘a* (Manu Powers) --

Kehaulani reported they are focused 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) -- We will be posting a list of museums and art galleries on our website that are planning to host tributes to King Kamehameha during the month of June. Also, we are working with ABC Mouse to create programming in June on King Kamehameha. We are working with the Honolulu Star-Advertiser to create an Anniversary publication and distribute to 150,000 – 200,000 residences on O‘ahu and at least 4,000 overprints that will be distributed to the neighbor islands. This will feature historical background and coverage on all of the events on all islands.

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

- i. *Royal Order of Kamehameha* (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported they had the first in-person meeting.
- ii. *‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu* (Louise Alina) -- March was their anniversary month; they held a service at Kawaiaha‘o Church, decorated Mauna ‘Ala and gathered for a luncheon. 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) – Puake‘ala reported that their future general membership meeings will be held next month on the second Saturdays in the future.
 - v. ***Daughters of Hawai‘i*** (Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- They’re continually working on Ho‘olaule‘a and parade.
 - vi. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- This Saturday is the quarterly meeting. They have a petition from a new civic club: The Princess Ruth – sponsored by Kalihi Palama.
 - vii. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** (Napu‘unoa Crabbe) -- Napu‘unoa reported the Oahu Regent meeting will be held in two weeks. He noted that they plan to present lei at the statue.
 - viii. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - ix. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association*** (Vacant) – Nothing to report.
 - x. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Faith Kalamau reported that Lilia and Faith are just kōkua for the Papakōlea Community, as it has been challenging to communicate with the Papakōlea Community Association. She noted that they currently have young men that are interested in participating. They are excited to return. Last year there were six young men. It was suggested that we increase to eight participants so we can switch them out to reduce fatigue. They plan to wear black slacks and aloha shirt. We are hopeful that in the future we can have the young men wear malo and kīhei. The goal down is to have the young men wear a malo and kīhei as this is what is worn in Hilo and Kohala and what the King is wearing. The malo would have a flap in front and back and a kīhei that is more modest. Desiree inquired if it was possible to have them wear a short solid pants with kihei and solid shirt. A traditional uniformed look will help to establish a more official presence as well. If the young men agree, we will provide the clothing. If they wear the malo they would keep it and the kīhei would be returned to the commission. We are looking to establish a tradition with the young men who can be proud that they are part of the ceremony. Kēhau suggested that possibly ‘Anakala Eric Keawe, who wears a malo in the community, may be someone to pursue to provide a workshop. Puake‘ala praised the young men from last year and was grateful that they are willing to participate this year. Faith said she will provide snacks, water and fruit. She was also interested in entering a Papakōlea equestrian unit and trolley and noted they plan to participate in the Lei Draping Ceremony as well.
 - xi. ***Island of Hawai‘i*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
 - xii. ***Island of Maui*** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported that Maui would like the equestrian units from Maui to present lei at the O‘ahu Lei Draping Ceremony. She plans to assist on Friday and Saturday. Amy will research on reimbursement for the cost of Moani’s attendance.
 - xiii. ***Island of Kaua‘i*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.
 - xiv. ***Island of Moloka‘i*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
 - xv. ***Island of Lāna‘i*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- VII. ***Upcoming Meeting*** -- Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- VIII. ***Adjourn*** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.