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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Commission Attendees: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Kehaulani Keana'aina**, (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Napu'unoa Crabbe** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu),

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** with Tidal Wave Productions (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Leinaala Lopez** (Moloka'i Volunteer/Commission Candidate)

I. Call to Order, establish quorum -- Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Kainoa Daines. The meeting minute approval was postponed for August, September, October due to lack of quorum and the November meeting was cancelled. No public was present to provide testimony.

a. Executive Director's Report (Amy Hammond) -- Finalized all information for HTA Grant reporting. Working closely with Kala Foundation and with the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts on finalizing agreements and payments. Providing all the goals and information for the transition to the new Comptroller, Keith Regan. Updated the statewide sponsorship packages and will be providing those for distribution. Also completing the regularly required DAGS administrative duties and tasks.

II. KKCC Business

a. Executive Committee Report (Kainoa Daines) -- Please be sure to work with Amy on sponsorship if you have any potential candidates. Keith Regan is the new director for DAGS. Previously, he has been with Maui County, HTA and DCCA who Kainoa knows well. He is a good listener, organized, patient and we will be meeting with him this year or early next year to discuss our position and challenges as well as further strengthen our relationship with DAGS. The Deputy Director is Meoh-Leng Sillman. Amy is scheduled to meet with him this week and will report back.

- b. 2023 Statewide Theme** -- We are still collecting ideas for [themes](#) as it has been holding up the distribution of the sponsorship packages.
- c. Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Kainoa Daines reported that we are still awaiting \$50,000 from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for Lei Draping and hope to streamline the receipt process in the future.
- d. Kala Foundation** (Clint Kalaola) -- Clint Kalaola reported the Kala Foundation has submitted everything to the state and the contract has been completed.
- e. Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- f. Committee Reports**
- i. Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
 - ii. Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - iii. Retention** (Kēhau Pe‘a and Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhau noted that for Retention, she wanted to acknowledge and mahalo Denise Ka‘a‘a who was repping Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association for a bit and is saddened by her passing last week. Sending our condolences to Denise’s family. A huge congratulations and blessings to Kainoa, his beautiful fiancée, and ‘ohana! Mahalo to Leinaala for joining us on the call. Desiree noted that Kalei, or Cece, Hoffman who works at the Kaua‘i Museum and was excited about being a commissioner however she has a longstanding commitment on Tuesday nights and wanted to see if we would consider moving the meetings to the second Wednesday of the month as she would be a great edition to the Commission. Kainoa mentioned that he is not available and could only do Mondays. Desiree will follow up with Cece regarding her participation. Commissioners can submit a report or proxy to vote at the meetings if they cannot attend to accommodate to fill the outstanding seats. Kainoa mentioned that we have had vacancies for a long time for Waimānalo and Papakōlea and one consideration is to remove both of those seats and add on Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) who operates across the state or add an O‘ahu Commission seat. We should consider adding additional organizations through legislation which would need to be introduced in January or February and would require testimony and lobbying. He is not advocating removal of these organizations but would like to discuss these ideas so we can achieve quorum at future meetings. The Paniolo Preservation Society is also another organization to consider adding on or other new organizations.
 - iv. State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - v. Friends of KKCC** (Napu‘unua Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.
 - vi. Outreach and Education** (Desiree Cruz) -- Desiree noted that last year the Volcano Arts Center hosted a Kamehameha Arts Contest, and she inquired if we could offer a cash prize for 2023. Kainoa noted that we need to determine what the committee should be doing such as developing readings, creating mele or hula, fundraising, etc. with the various museums, art galleries, etc. to answer the question of regarding a cash prize. and then report back to the Commission. He suggested the committee be established to showcase and share outside of the normal Kamehameha Celebrations,

meet to flush out the committees' activities and actions and report back to the Commission.

vii. Retreat (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.

III. Events

a. Kaua'i Ho'olaule'a (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

b. O'ahu, Parade, Ho'olaule'a (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Co-Chair) -- Clint reported we are currently seeking sponsors.

c. Statue Lei Draping (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.

d. Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a (Leinaala Lopez) -- Leinaala reported Tylor has started to secure bands for the events.

e. Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.

f. Lāna'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

g. Island of Hawai'i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

h. Kona Lei Draping/Parade/ Ho'olaule'a (Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Nothing to report.

IV. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives

a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.

b. 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.

c. Hale O Nā Ali'i (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

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

e. Daughters of Hawai'i (Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Kehaulani reported the second annual Mu'u at the Museum will be taking place with the theme Pā'ū and Paniolo on January 7 from 5 – 9 pm at Hānaiakamalama on O'ahu. Also, on the Kona Parade Route the Banyan Tree has taken thousands of dollars to maintain and the tree was recently trimmed at Hulihe'e Palace in Kona. It's looking healthy and beautiful and mahalo to the community for their kōkua.

f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Nothing to report.

g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Napu'unoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.

h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.

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

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

k. Island of Hawai'i (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

l. Island of Maui (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported that they went to Keālia Pond two weeks ago to plant additional 'ilima. They observed the previous 'ilima plants in which some have survived, and others have not so we need to be vigilant in continuing to reforest our native plants. Kainoa asked Amy to be sure to share these kinds of things via our social media.

m. Island of Kaua'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

n. Island of Moloka'i (Vacant) -- Nothing

o. Island of Lāna'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

V. Upcoming Meeting -- Tuesday, January 10, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

VI. Adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.