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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Zoom and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Multipurpose Room

Commission Attendees Per Roll Call: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Napu'unoa Crabbe (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai'i), Louise Alina ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), Kēhau Pe'a (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Kēhaulani Keana'aina (Daughters of Hawai'i), Puake'ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali'i), Kalei Hoffman, (Island of Kaua'i)

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair, **Leilani Kahoano**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association/Commission Candidate), **Marlene Wilson**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association/Commission Candidate)

- *I. Call to Order, establish quorum* -- Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chair Kainoa Daines. The meeting minutes were approval for February. No public was present to provide testimony.
 - a. *Executive Director's Report* (Amy Hammond) -- Completed the regularly required DAGS administrative duties. Met with Comptroller, Keith Regan to discuss the department and request funding of at least \$200,000. Noted that all Commissioners have completed their Ethics training and distributed Ethics Disclosure requests to Commissioners for completion by May. Hearing dates for Commission seat confirmations will be scheduled soon and everyone will be notified to provide letters of support. Held a meeting with the Lei Draping Committee and submitted the request for Ali'iōlani Hale for the Lei Draping Ceremony. Worked with DAGS to find a solution to resolve the 9% salary restriction restoring full funding for the Executive Director position.

II. KKCC Business

- a. *Executive Committee Report* (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
- **b.** *Financial Update* (Ian Custino) -- Amy reported that we have received \$50,000 from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the 2023 Lei Draping. HTA is going through some growing pains so we will most likely not see any money until well after June. We are anticipating to receive funding eventually, however, no guarantees. Therefore, each activity is on its own to secure funding. When the RFP is released we will still apply for funds but they would not be received until well into the fall. We will most likely be put under signature events which will require that matching funds for the grant. We should start to pursue the funding 2024 as soon as possible. The funding we have at present will

be used for marketing activities across the state. We would like to ask everyone to go ahead and submit your budgets for this year. Amy will distribute a request for budgets.

- **c.** *Fundraising Committee* (Ian Custino) -- Ian advised that until we receive funding, we must try to individually work on raising funds for the events.
- d. Committee Reports
 - *i. Legislative* (Manu Powers) -- Manu reiterated that we are awaiting the determination about the HTA grants.
 - *ii. Statuary* (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kainoa reported that the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Māmalahoa Chapter cleaned the Hilo Statue. Amy to circulate a memo regarding the cleaning with photos.
 - *Retention* (Kēhau Pe'a and Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhau said mahalo to Leilani Kahoano and Marlene Wilson for joining the meeting and expressed that she was hopeful there will be some response from the new leadership from Waimānalo Homestead Association prior to our next meeting. In addition, she noted that Leinā'ala has filled out her paperwork and she should be in the process of confirmation. Amy to follow up with Wendy Kondo to confirm if paperwork has been received for Kalei Hoffman. Desiree noted that she spoke with a friend from Lāna'i again but was reminded she lives on Maui. She will also reach out to Jennifer Pimentel. Kainoa noted that now Waimānalo Homestead Association has two potential candidates for one seat but will need to determine who will be the representative. Marlene noted she is the chairperson for the Ali'i Committee but she is not familiar in all that was involved, she appreciates Leilani reaching out and getting things going. Kēhaulani to follow up with Marlene regarding the roles and responsibilities for Commissioners.
 - iv. State Archives (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - v. *Friends of KKCC* (Napu'unoa Crabbe) -- Mark reported that he created a draft from the sample Amy provided from the Friends of Honolulu City Lights. He would like to have someone else on the committee to assist with editing the document. Kainoa noted Kēhaulani Watson may be someone to reach out to as she has a background in forming non-profits. We are looking at the creation of the nonprofit to assist with year-round funding efforts. Kainoa will circulate to the Royal Order for review.
 - vi. Retreat (Kainoa Daines) -- Tabled until further notice.
 - *vii. Outreach and Education* (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree reported that she is working on getting the information to the art teachers in the public and private school to encourage them to do art contests celebrating Lei Draping. She has potentially four to five schools on Hawai'i Island interested. She plans to have an art contest on the Lei Draping, Parade or his life and provide an award or commendation from Mayors or Governor for each contest winners. This is an effort to outreach to many students so we have an annual discussion for those younger people and grow another community of arts people and support emerging artists.

III. Events

- *Kaua'i Ho'olaule'a* (Vacant) -- Kalei Hoffman advised that she has submitted her paperwork and was advised by Lyah that it is on the governor's desk, Amy to follow up. Next step will be a hearing and to provide support letters. Kalei noted Pa'u units are doing fundraisings in April, in Waimea for the Maui and Lana'i units.
- **b.** *O'ahu*, *Parade*, *Ho'olaule'a* (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade and Ho'olaule'a Chair) -- We are getting the key people on board. We are continuously working to get vendors for Ho'olaule'a. With the funding for HTA up in the air they are still working on securing sponsors.
- **c.** *Statue Lei Draping* (Louise Alina) -- Kainoa, Kimo, Amy and Louise met regarding Lei Draping. Kainoa volunteered to be the chair. We are looking to potentially have some of the warriors from the parade operate the lou. As usual we plan to have Papakōlei youth continue to carry lei and Kimo will be the lei director. Louise reported they plan to following the same program as last year and she is moving forward securing everything needed.
- d. Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a (Leina'āla Lopez) -- Nothing to report.
- e. *Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a* (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported that they have a meeting coming up this Thursday as the do each month. This month the topic will be lei making from scratch to finish from six to seven different styles. She has also spoken with Daryl and they are discussing the funding concerns.
- 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) -- She reached out to the Royal Order Mamāhaloa Chapter regarding events. They do want to do something but have concerns regarding the funding and she will circle back with them to follow up. Desiree confirmed Kohala is doing their celebration on Sunday, June 11. She will provide some additional details later. Amy to provide the neighbor islands with a request for budgets. Desiree noted that Royal Order Mamāhaloa Chapter had asked for \$50,000.
- **h.** *Kona Lei Draping/Parade/ Ho'olaule'a* (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani reported they have Ho'olaule'a planned as it will be hosted by Daughters of Hawai'i. She noted the vendors will return for Ho'olaule'a as A Day at Huihe'e event was rained out.

IV. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives

- **a.** *Royal Order of Kamehameha* (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa noted at the end of this month there is Hui pū at Queen Emma Summer Palace on Sunday, March 30. He will have a book signing and all of the Royal Societies have been invited to attend.
- **b.** *'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu* (Louise Alina) -- Louise noted that the ladies celebrated the Ali'i Sunday for Queen Ka'ahumanu. This week on Thursday they will decorate Mauna 'Ala and then Friday have a luncheon planned at Bishop Museum. Queen Ka'ahumanu's birthday is Friday, March 17th.
- 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* (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani reminded everyone that the annual celebration for the remembrance of Kauikeaouli at Keauhou Bay is this Friday. They are focusing on engagement and information with Q&A along with activities. They will have an educational ceremony at 9 am at Keauhou Bay on Sunday, March 17.

- f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau reported that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is hosting the Prince Kuhio Day parade on March 25 in Kapolei. Kainoa will emceeing the last reviewing stand. They are actively working with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. Ian noted that the Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club will be hosting receipt of ho'okupu after Ali'i Sunday at the cript in Mauna 'Ala. Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club will be options do just drive in and drop of with people to receive so you do not have to get out of your vehicle or you are welcomed if you wish to stay and do a short protocol.
- **g.** *Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association* (Napu'unoa Crabbe) -- Mark had a new member of their board asked if Lei Draping will occur and if Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association will be invited to participate. Kainoa assured him that yes it is happening they are welcomed to participate especially given they have a seat on the Commission.
- h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- i. *Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association* (Vacant) -- Marlene Wilson shared that this Saturday is Denise Ka'a'a's funeral at Kamehameha Schools Chapel from 9 am noon with services at 10:30 with pā'ina at 1 pm at Artistry on Cooke Street. Kainoa noted that Denise was with us a short while on the Commission but will be missed.
- j. Papakolea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- k. Island of Hawai'i (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
- I. Island of Maui (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
- m. Island of Kaua'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- n. Island of Moloka'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- o. Island of Lāna'i (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- V. Upcoming Meeting -- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
- VI. Adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.