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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 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), **Napu'unoo Crabbe** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Kēhaulani Keana'aina** (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)

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. No public was present to provide testimony.
- II. KKCC Business**
 - a. Executive Committee Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported that at present the HTA funding will not be provided this year so each neighbor island will need to raise their own funding. We are concerned that we are not able to put on the parade this year for O'ahu and will need to determine if it is feasible this year and the committed will determine by April 22. We have the Convention Center confirmed for float building. Kainoa and the O'ahu Visitors Bureau has noted that there is an opportunity for KKCC to take over the Prince Kuhio Mound in June from 5:30 – 7:30 for \$15,000 - \$20,000 to provide hula for the event to manage the event including sound as a fundraiser. Leilani is willing kokua for the events. She also inquired about going to the community for funding via morning shows and requesting direct donations. Kainoa noted that he has mixed feelings about putting it out via the morning shows. We do have pending sponsors and believe we can probably squeak through. We will be looking to develop new funding streams.
 - b. Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Ian noted that the situation is dire. Clint advised that we are continuing to seek corporate sponsorship, and many have responded no not this year. We have three entries paid of \$127.50 for the parade applications to date. Amy reported that we have received \$50,000 from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the 2023 Lei Draping. There is also an additional \$10,000 in our Trust Fund Account we have included in the procurement. Kēhaulani noted that she met with Hale Mua who advised they funds were outstanding for the 2022 event would appreciate follow up regarding the reimbursement within the week.

- c. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Kainoa noted that there may be a potential demise of HTA and the creation of a new funding structure.
 - ii. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - iii. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe‘a and Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani noted that mostly everyone has been applying that had expiration dates nearing. Mahalo to Leilani Kahoano with Waimānalo Homestead Association for applying. Puake‘ala has advised that she will be reapplying as well.
 - iv. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - v. **Friends of KKCC** (Napu‘unoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.
 - vi. **Outreach and Education** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

III. Events

- a. **Kaua‘i Ho‘olaule‘a** (Vacant) -- Kimo Perry contacted us to note that Kaua‘i may cancel their events, but we are trying to support and provide them assistance.
- b. **O‘ahu, Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a Chair) -- Clint reported that all permits are submitted and ready to go. We are waiting for the meeting with the Department of Transportation and then we can go ahead and secure the HPD special duty, etc. All of the park’s permits are submitted. The Ho‘olaule‘a committee is meeting to determine if they will move forward without any funding. There are three halau already committed and three groups already confirmed. A handful of vendors have applied, and a final decision will be made this weekend to proceed.
- c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Kainoa noted that he has reached out to the Warrior to request from Makani Tabura regarding the warriors to manage the lei. Papakōlea committed to move lei from the tent to the mount. Rehearsals will be planned as was done last year. Kainoa will meet with Puake‘ala to discuss lei draping.
- d. **Moloka‘i Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Leina‘āla Lopez) -- Nothing to report.
- 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** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported Kona Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a is planned and partnering with Daughters of Hawai‘i. Please keep an eye out for our beloved Kēhau Pea as she is Pā‘ū Queen for Merrie Monarch in Hilo.

IV. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives

- a. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa noted that the Royal Societies are headed to Washington D.C. for the unveiling of the portrait of Lili‘uokalani in the National Portrait Gallery of American Imperialism.
- b. **‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Louise noted that they are sending two ladies to represent their organization in Washington. ‘Ahahui is just preparing for Lei Draping. Congratulations to Leilani our May Day Queen.
- 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 they have the annual lei contest happening via social media and tag #daughtersleicontest.
 - 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) -- Marlene Wilson inquired how the association can support KKCC in the next few months as they hold monthly meetings. Please share any communication as to our needs moving forward as to how they can help with the events. Amy will provide an email and copy everyone for what we need as far as support in the form of lei draping assistance, parade decorated vehicle or float, volunteers, etc. as reminder as to how organizations can participate with the Commission. The Roles and Responsibilities document can be reviewed and distributed in the near future for Commissioners. We will also reach out to HLTA regarding funding. Amy to resend the sponsorship request as well. Leilani suggested to do a video seeking sponsorship and is willing to send the video to her donor base. Kainoa suggested that Kimo do the video and also that each Commissioner send out the sponsorship letter to their respective organizations.
 - 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) -- 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, May 9, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. move to the first Tuesday in June 6, 2023 prior to the Kamehameha Day meeting. Kainoa will not be at the next meeting.
- VI. ***Adjourn*** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.