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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date:  Tuesday, July 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), **Kēhau Pe‘a** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Puake‘ala Mann**(Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Moani Whittle Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai‘i), **Louise Alina** (‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu), **Kēhaulani Keana‘aina** (Daughters of Hawai‘i), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kauaʻi), **Leinaʻala Bishaw Lopez** (Island of Molokaʻi), **Leilani Kahoano**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association/Commission Candidate)

Not present:

Attendees:  **Clint Kalaola** (Oʻahu Parade Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair and **Marlene Wilson**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association)

1. ***Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum*** -- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Kainoa Daines. No public testimony was provided. May and June meeting minutes were tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.
2. ***Executive Director’s Report* (Amy Hammond)** -- Amy reported she has been busy completing the fiscal year end DAGS requirements. In addition, working closely with the Hawaiʻi Tourism Authority to process the reporting requirements and the State Foundtion on Culture and the Arts to process the procurement awarded funds and are awaiting for funds to be issued. Amy has been working closely with Kala Foundation executing the events and following up with neighbor island organizers. Met with the Oʻahu Parade Committee and began 2024 planning for both Parade and Lei Draping. Financial report noted that we have received the funds from HTA, and they are being processed.
3. ***KKCC Business/Committee Reports***
   1. ***Executive Committee Report***(Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   2. ***Legislative*** (Manu Powers) -- Kainoa noted he has reached out for assistance to secure general funding for KKCC for 2024 by creating a hui to kokua. He will has asked Representative Kahaloa and Senator Kanuha. He may also pursue Senator Chris Lee. We may start small with $50,000 - $100,000 but we can at least begin. He will also see about increasing Amy’s salary as well. Kainoa to take the lead on sourcing additional funds.
   3. ***Statuary*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo reported he plans to put together a written document that outlines decorum for the statue in Kohala and for Honolulu. Elijah Kalā McShane was told not to wear malo this year and yet four young men showed up in malo however they did not end up on the mound. We were blessed to have an excellent chanter this year who was well versed with the appropriate chants. Kimo noted that Hālau Mōhala ʻIlima did a stellar job this year with their presentation at the Honolulu Statue with their hula however he was not pleased with what he saw at the Kohala Statue. The halau danced in shorts and t-shirts with their backs to the statue which is not done. He commented that hese are the kinds of things we are going to need to be very mindful of moving forward. We need to make an effort to do our very cultural best to keep the intergrity and honor Kamehameha I. Kimo noted that he hoped participants were sent a thank you to show our appreciation. Kimo will be preparing a draft of what should and should not be done at the statue and why to be shared with the Commission. He also inquired as to what happens when emails are sent to [kkcc@hawaii.gov](mailto:kkcc@hawaii.gov) and was advised that Amy receives these emails and distributes as requested to the appropriate committee or person. Kimo noted that he sent some documents and links to be shared. In particular he recommended that everyone watch the video link for the Barbara Nobriga Pāʻū documentary at <https://www.kahilu.tv/videos/legacy-of-pa-u-featuring-barbara-nobriga-1>. Kimo also shared three bullet point lists of things for us to consider, see additional attachments.
   4. ***Retention***(Kēhau Pe‘a and Kēhaulani Keanaʻaina) -- Kēhau Peʻa noted that those Commissioners whose second terms that are set to expire on June 2024 include Kainoa, Desiree and herself. Kēhaulani’s second term will expire the following June. Kēhaulani noted that we still have three vacant seats including Lānaʻi, Papakōlea Community and Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association. Kainoa noted that Helen Tabura was mentioned as a potential candidate for Lānaʻi. He also mentioned that we do have the option of removing Commission seats if we are not able to fill positions. Kimo noted he has spoken with a potential person that may be interested in the Papakōlea seat and will advise on their level of interest. Kēhau reminded Kimo that the candidates need to be a member of the Papakōlea Community Association. Kēhaulani noted that we do need to do our best to fill the seats as we want to keep in mind that we are creating a legacy to have the honor to serve on the Commission. Kēhau has noted that she and or Amy will investigate with Wendy Kondo with Boards and Commissions regarding confirmation of Kainoa’s departure date on the Commission. She confirmed with Kalei Hoffman that she has completed her application and is just awaiting confirmation from the Governor.
   5. ***State Archives***(Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo noted that the Hawaiʻi State Archives is looking for volunteers from 9 am – 4 pm to digitize materials received from Aloha Stadium.
   6. ***Friends of KKCC***(Napuʻunoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.
   7. ***Outreach and Education***(Desiree Moana Cruz)-- Nothing to report.
4. ***Events***
   1. ***Kauaʻi Hoʻolauleʻa***(Kalei Hoffman)-- Kalei reported that they had a very successful event. Instead of 10 am they will move the start time to 9 am for 2024. Amy reported that Kimp Perry sent the Kauaʻi reconcilliation of finances and they are working on the other information for the reports.
   2. ***Oʻahu***, ***Parade, Hoʻolauleʻa, Pāʻū***(Clint Kalaola, Oʻahu Parade Co-Chair and Hoʻolauleʻa Chair) -- Clint noted that everything went well with the Parade and Hoʻolauleʻas well as the first King Kamehameha Pāʻina at Marriott and thanked everyone for their participation. Kainoa echoed his mahalo and extended it to everyone from riding, announcing, making lei, etc. Clint also reminded everyone that they need to send in their reports for HTA funding including photos, financial reports, kpi’s, etc. as the reports are due asap in order to receive their reimbursement.
   3. ***Statue Lei Draping***(Louise Alina)-- Nothing to report.
   4. ***Molokaʻi*** ***Parade/Hoʻolauleʻa***(Leinaʻāla Lopez) -- Nothing to report.
   5. ***Maui Parade/Hoʻolauleʻa***(Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported and shared mahalo with everyone who attended and noted that Kala Foundation was the most successful vendor at the Hoʻolauleʻa. The parade was a huge success. The police did a good job clearing the streets and the crowd seemed to be doubled from previous years. There were no incidents this year. Pāʻū units are already beginning to fundraise for next year. On July 20 pāʻū units will be meeting to select the islands they will ride. Also this year the Makawao Stampede 4th of July Rodeo was moved up one week and the perpetual winner volunteered to be in that parade. They did very well winning in several categories and now plan to feature the perpetual winner in following years. The Banyan Tree Hoʻolauleʻa was a huge success, well attended and with excellent entertainment.
   6. ***Lānaʻi*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   7. ***Island of Hawaiʻi****--****Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/ Hoʻolauleʻa***(Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree reported that she attended the Kohala Lei Draping, Parade and Hoʻolauleʻa. As usual there was lots of lei and attendees from the community, families, businesses and individuals. There was beautiful hula from several groups who also wore malo. She commented that she knows there is an issue with the malo in Honolulu but it is alive and well in Kohala. She added that we had discussed in the past that one of the focus of the Statuary Committee was to collect the best practices but not to tell the different communities how exactly they needed to proceed. She noted that she does not see Kohala wearing long pants and shirts in the future. The parade went well. This year, the big change this year was that the Hoʻolauleʻa was held in an empty lot across from the statue rather than in the Kamehameha Park. It was convenient and nice but not as beautiful. It was well attended. She is not sure how they plan to proceed in the future if they remain in the parking lot or return to Kamehameha Park. Kimo responded that the business of wearing malo or not wearing malo is not manao as that is opinion but it is from ʻike. How we get this ʻike is horically what was done at the statues and the presidence that was set forth before us in accordance to what the kupuna did as this is what we should be doing to carry on the ʻike. These are the people that taught him and raised him. His involvement goes back historically over a half a century with Kamehameha Day everything from decorating floats, narrating, judging, singing, riding on floats, riding horses, and private mounted units on Oʻahu and other islands seeing what has transpired. When we look back historically from when the time King Kalakaua dedicated the statue noting who was there and what they wore and when they come out to celenbrate at the statue it was in their regalia. We do not want to confuse manao and ʻike. He noted that serious hula people know that you do not get in your shorts and t-shrits and turn your back to the statue as this is not how you honor a great Aliʻi. He was glad to hear that there were several bonified halau who did a great job in Kohala but when he saw the performance by whom he believed to be Pua Case he felt it was a slap to us. Being one of the last people trained in front of a kuahu he understands hula. Desiree noted that people in Hilo and Kohala are not ashamed to wear a malo and she feels the decision is up to them noting the King is wearing a malo on the statue. Kimo responded that it is not if they are ashamed to wear or not but rather what has been done historically.
   8. ***Kona Parade and Hoʻolauleʻa*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported
5. C**ommissioner *reports/updates non-island specific representatives***
   1. ***Royal Order of Kamehameha*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   2. ***ʻAhahui Ka‘ahumanu*** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
   3. ***Hale O Nā Ali‘i*** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
   4. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Puake’ala wanted to see if the text she sent regarding the lei draping can be addressed. She noted that during the ceremony the lei were not tied so they were crooked, also one of the lei got put on the right arm of the statue and the instructions to the young men for how the lei were to be put on if it was tied was apparently confusing as it was put on double and then was short so these items need to be addressed. In addition, Coline Aiu would like to send a letter to all of the boys as well as a gift certificate who assisted on the mound that day as they did a great job. Puakeʻala noted if we try to look at past photos we can see if they lei are tied. Kainoa has advised that the lei has been untied in the past. Kimo has noted that the lei were normally tied. Kimo has been going through Adeline Lee’s photos sorting photos frok the 1960ʻs the lei are all tied. Recently the lei have not been tied. For the last 15 years the lei provided by ‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu have been untied. Puakeaʻa noted that in postcards it shows the lei tied. Puaʻkeala suggested that the boys put the lei on at an angle to the kumu but the response was that it took more steps. We should not have the lei lop sided. Moani noted that on the protocol documents it does not say tied or untied. We can revised to 30’ in total length tied moving forward. In 2009 we stopped putting the lei around the neck of the statue. Kainoa noted that this should go back to ‘Ahahui Ka’ahumanu to sort out if their lei is open or closed. She also noted that their organization has attended since 1914 and they attend in formal regalia only.

Amy noted that once we receive the photos from day of the event, we will share some photos with Faith as well as a mahalo.

* 1. ***Daughters of Hawai‘i*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported that after the Parade they held the Ho’olaule’a on the grounds of Huliheʻe Palace. For the fist time they had the Royal Order and the Royal Guard at Huliheʻe Palace, and they helped to accept hoʻokupu. Also about two weeks ago they hosted the Director of the Interior at Huliheʻe Palace. The Prince Lot Hula Festival will be filing at Hanaiakamalama this Saturday, an honored tradition. Also, a reminder at Hanaiakamalama they will be featuring weekly and monthly classes including: ʻukulele, quilting, and Hawaiian techniques integrated into yoga*.*
  2. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Kēhau Peʻa)-- Kēhau reported that Dre spoke with her regarding some concern on the order of those presenting lei in the line up and was advised that the order is reviewed by the Executive Committee each year. Kainoa commented that each year someone is unhappy with the presentation order. Kainoa noted that the Commissioners are expected to be there all day so that is why the Commissioner representing their seats were slotted last as it was not thought to be an issue going last. Kēhau will be providing a report to AHCC this Saturday.
  3. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association***(Napuʻunoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.
  4. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo noted that he had flown to Kona to see the presentation on pāʻū and Barbara Nobriga. He commended Kēhau and Manu for doing a beautiful job on the presentation. Kimo suggests that the link be distributed to everyone.
  5. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead******Association*** (Vacant) -- Leilani sent a mahalo to the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association for sponsored the transportation for the Lei Court. Marlene noted that they have had a meeting and are working on the budget and fiscal reports. They are working on the Aliʻi Celebration Committee and will be asking their members to participate more in the future. Marlene also sent a mahalo out to Leilani for represeting the organization so very well as the Lei Queen and representing the organization.
  6. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
  7. ***Island of Hawaiʻi*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree noted that the lei are still up on the statue in Hilo. Amy to remind Micah Alameda a copying sent to Kainoa and Desiree.
  8. ***Island of Maui***(Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani wanted to note that the ʻilima plants are thriving at Kealia Pond. The princess of Oʻahu was able to go to the Kealia Pond to make her lei.
  9. ***Island of Kauaʻi***(Kalei Hoffman)--Nothing to report.
  10. ***Island of Molokaʻi*** (Leinaʻala Bishaw) -- Leinaʻala noted that they did have the Gala on Friday evening with Micah Kamohoaliʻi who came from the Big Island to do a fashion show. The Hoʻolauleʻa was held the following day. Because they did not have a parade and the venue for the Hoʻolauleʻa was changed they did have a good turn out. They plan to have all three events next year.
  11. ***Island of Lānaʻi*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

1. ***Upcoming Meeting*** --The next meeting will be on held Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
2. ***Adjourn****--*Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.