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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date:  Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time:  6:00 p.m.

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

Commission Attendees Per Roll Call: **Ian Custino** (Hale O Na Aliʻi), **Kēhau Pe‘a** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Louise Alina** (‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu), **Kēhaulani Keana‘aina** (Daughters of Hawai‘i), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kauaʻi), **Leinaʻala Bishaw Lopez** (Island of Molokaʻi)

Attendees:  **Clint Kalaola** (Oʻahu Parade Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair) and **Marlene Wilson** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Ekela Kahuanu** (Kohala), **Hans Mortenson** (Hilo), **Katie Ching**.

1. ***Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum*** -- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Ian Custino. No public testimony was provided. May, June, July meeting minutes were tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum. No meeting was held in August.
2. ***Executive Director’s Report* (Amy Hammond)** -- HTA has ask us to submit a request for funding for 2024 already and we are working closely with them. We ask that everyone submit your proposals for 2024 by the end of the month. We received a request from the folks in Hilo requesting reimbursement for funds in the amount of $833 for activities related to the Hilo Lei Draping and have provided receipts. Since we do not have a quorum we will need to table until next time. We did have a budget of $500 allocated for Hilo this year and we can also discuss this next meeting for approval. Amy has been working closely with Kala Foundation gathering information for the report and following up with neighbor island organizers for their 2023 reports. Ian requested that everyone submit their written 2024 budgets as soon as possible.
3. ***KKCC Business/Committee Reports***
   1. ***Executive Committee Report***(Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   2. ***Legislative*** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
   3. ***Statuary*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo would like to suggest that we get the Kohala statue restored. Amy noted that the community previously voted on the restoration painting of the statue and will forward a video about the topic. <https://www.kahilu.tv/videos/king-kamehameha-a-legacy-renewed>
   4. ***Retention***(Kēhau Pe‘a and Kēhaulani Keanaʻaina) -- Kēhaulani noted she and Kēhau have been working very hard behind the scenes to get seats filled as we are often not even able to make quorum. We have made some traction on Papakōlea Community Association and should have something by the next meeting. Kēhaulani noted that she has made progress on Lānaʻi as well. If you have not already thought about your replacement in the future, please be sure to create a list and begin to solicit those folks. Kēhau Peʻa shared that Commissioners second term end for Kēhau Pea and Desiree Moana Cruz to remind replacements that are set to expire June 2024. Kēhau also noted that she is working on her replacement for Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The first term for Leinaʻala Lopez is ending in June of 2024 and she invited her to reapply for her second term. They also received verification from Wendy Kondo that Kainoa’s term will end in June of 2025. She also reported that as of August Napuanoa Crabbe has resigned for Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association and we will need to fill the seat. Please note that Amy will be mailing the Oath of Office Certificates soon, please notarize and return to the governor’s office including: Puakeaʻa, Moani, Kimo, Kalei, Leilani. She asked if Kalei and Leilani could provide their home address and mobile phone number for our records.
   5. ***State Archives***(Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
   6. ***Friends of KKCC*** -- Nothing to report.
   7. ***Outreach and Education***(Desiree Moana Cruz)-- Nothing to report.
4. ***Events***
   1. ***Kauaʻi Hoʻolauleʻa***(Kalei Hoffman)-- Kalei reported that they are working on their report for 2023 and as soon as we have the theme selected for 2024, they will begin planning for next year. Amy noted that we should have our theme in the coming month.
   2. ***Oʻahu***, ***Parade, Hoʻolauleʻa, Pāʻū***(Clint Kalaola, Oʻahu Parade Co-Chair and Hoʻolauleʻa Chair) -- Clint noted that we are getting ready for 2024 with the addition of FESTPAC being involved which is Festival of the Pacific, a gathering of 27 nations. They are going to be part of Lei Draping, Parade and Hoʻolauleʻa. We are trying to determine what kind of impact this will be and prepare but at the same time, we are still awaiting more information as they may not know what the level of participation they have at this time. The main concerns are logistics and security. They are expecting many heads of states and dignitaries to attend. We will need to determine what operational impact may be. We are moving forward with the worst-case logistic scenarios and trying to address things ahead of time. This is one of the reasons that we are trying to get ahead of the game.

Ian noted that he is concerned due to the late planning by FESTPAC. He has been reaching out repeatedly to determine their involvement to no avail. Ian advises that we need to be very careful to be clear that we are planning for our event and they will need to work around our deadlines. Kimo reiterated that they will need to plan around us not us plan around them. Kimo is also concerned about the funding for security. Clint advised that HTA has requested that we include the additional cost for FESTPAC. HTA will be paying the additional security fees. Aaron is in touch with the Federal Security Administration and presently it is downplayed to as what they are doing. FESTPAC has advised that they will be presenting as one unit for Lei Draping and they will not have every country represented in the parade. Previously they were planning to have a parade on the Thursday prior to our parade. They are planning to use 1,800 rooms at the University of Hawaiʻi dorms reserved. They are building out a village with wood structures, etc. Everything is a moving target at present until we have an agreement with HTA and FESTPAC.

* 1. ***Statue Lei Draping***(Louise Alina)-- Louise is working on the 2024 budget and Kala Foundation has her 2023 recap already.
  2. ***Molokaʻi*** ***Parade/Hoʻolauleʻa***(Leinaʻāla Lopez) -- Nothing to report.
  3. ***Maui Parade/Hoʻolauleʻa***(Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
  4. ***Lānaʻi*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
  5. ***Island of Hawaiʻi****--****Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/ Hoʻolauleʻa***(Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
  6. ***Kona Parade and Hoʻolauleʻa*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported that the Kona parade is wrapping up the 2023 information and preparing the information for 2024. They will have their first 2024 meeting next month.

1. C**ommissioner *reports/updates non-island specific representatives***
   1. ***Royal Order of Kamehameha*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   2. ***ʻAhahui Ka‘ahumanu*** (Louise Alina) – Louise reported they just finished the Kalan Aliʻi Awards which went well. There were six women that were awarded.
   3. ***Hale O Nā Ali‘i*** (Ian Custino) --  Announcing their annual convention from Sept. 28 – 30 in Hilo hosted by the Hilo Chapter Halau o Kalakaua.
   4. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.
   5. ***Daughters of Hawai‘i*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani announced the Day at Hanaiakamalama Queen Emma Summer Palace in Nuʻuanu on October 7 from 10 am – 2 pm.
   6. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Kēhau Peʻa) **--** Nothing to report.
   7. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** -- Nothing to report.
   8. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
   9. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead******Association*** (Leilani) -- Nothing to report.
   10. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   11. ***Island of Hawaiʻi*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
   12. ***Island of Maui***(Moanikeʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
   13. ***Island of Kauaʻi***(Kalei Hoffman)--Nothing to report.
   14. ***Island of Molokaʻi*** (Leinaʻala Bishaw) -- Leinaʻala reported the 2023 report is finished. They are working with the event coordinator to finish the budget by next week for 2024. She also inquired when funds will be available from HTA for 2023. Clint reported that we are waiting on two additional reports from Kona and Kauaʻi to submit to HTA and then we can disperse everyone’s final payments. If you miss the deadlines for reporting the funding may be returned to the state and that could potentially jeopardize future funding.
   15. ***Island of Lānaʻi*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
2. ***Public Testimony*** --Hans Mortenson from Hilo who is part of the Royal Order of Kamehameha Māmalahoa and financial officer. He noted that he was grateful to work with the State Conservationist Derek Erwin to clean the statue in Hilo. Mahalo to those who supplied the soap, tools and manpower. He has provided a short report with the request for reimbursement funding.
3. ***Upcoming Meeting*** --The next meeting will be on held Tuesday, October 10, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
4. ***Adjourn****--*Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.