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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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), **Leinā'ala Lopez** (Island of Moloka'i), **Moani Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Jame Schaedel**, (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Kimo Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Leilani Kahoano** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i)

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Kala Foundation), **Keke Kaniho** (Hawai'i Island Candidate), **Beverly Lee**, (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Pending)

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum** -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Meeting minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum. No public testimony was provided. February, March and April Meeting Minutes approved.
- II. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reported that she has been completing her regular duties and tasks for DAGS as well as taking care of inventory and year end documentation and paperwork. Following up on the funding from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. In addition meeting to secure the HTA funding so we can move on with procurement. Attending planning meetings for Lei Draping, Parade and Ho'olaule'a. Met with FestPAC and have determined how to incorporate them into the O'ahu events including Lei Draping, Parade and Ho'olaule'a. Met with DTS to secure permits and secured permits for Ali'iōlani Hale. We have been reviewing the Lei Draping protocols and will update and distribute this week along with invitations.
- III. Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy noted that the HTA funds were received in the amount of \$140,000. A shortened timeframe for procurement of the funds is being released. Also, we are still awaiting the \$50,000 from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Amy has sent out requests to the various island coordinators to provide proof of matching funds for the HTA grant and has already started to received documentation. We have not worked with the neighbor island coordinators on their specific needs yet but will do so soon. Since we are not able to put out procurements for funds we have not received we will likely have to do two rounds of procurement.
- IV. KKCC Business/Committee Reports**
  - a. **Executive Committee Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported that FestPAC Delegates will be joining us at Lei Draping so we are adjusting the schedule and some of the protocols. In addition, we have secured a green room for the Lei Draping Ceremony at Ali'iōlani Hale. We will have FestPAC Delegates in the parade, and FestPAC will be

taking over the stage at Ho'olaule'a and programming it with performances by Pacific Islanders.

- b. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe'a and Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhau reported the Lāna'i candidate has declined to participate so Kēhaulani is looking to reach her by phone in search of an alternative candidate with Moani to provide. Keke Kaniho will be replacing Desiree Moana Cruz.
- e. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo shared that on Sunday, June 9 Dr. Williams will be holding a session on King Kamehameha I. Kimo will forward the information on the event to be shared with everyone.
- f. **Friends of KKCC** -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Outreach and Education** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report, however, Desiree volunteered to continue to participate on the Outreach and Education Committee after her Commission seat expires.

## V. Events

- a. **Kaua'i Ho'olaule'a** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei reported that they are plugging away and excited for the events coming up next month. They have a small hiccup with one of the pā'u positions but they will work it out.
- b. **O'ahu, Parade, Ho'olaule'a, Pā'ū** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Chair and Ho'olaule'a Chair) -- Clint reported that we are in full swing getting everything ready, still accepting applications, we are still working on sponsorship and locking down a few more things. We do not have Convention Center or Blaisdell for float building but are working on a space at the harbor and will send out more details once confirmed. FestPAC will be taking over the stage with various performances from Polynesia. If you have not submitted your parade applications please submit as soon as possible.
- c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Louise has already made the arrangements for the tables, chairs and lua same as last year. We are still reviewing the protocols and have updated with some clarifications.
- d. **Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Leina'āla Lopez) -- Leina'āla reported that on Friday is the gala and Dillon will be the emcee. Ho'olaule'a is set for Saturday. They are planning to print a 48' image of the statue and drape the statue print at the gala.
- e. **Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moanike'ala invited anyone who wants to join the event. There will be 5 different stations on the parade route from Baldwin down to Queen Ka'ahumanu. Emcees include Kamalei Kawa'a and his mother as well as and surprise guests commentating on the parade route. They will be holding the princess interviews this week. They are very excited to be able to do the parade and get all of the communities involved. The route will be from Baldwin High School going down Ka'ahumanu toward the mall with the horses ending at the area by the old Sears store and the awards will be within the mall. The parade is June 15. Moani noted she will be coming to O'ahu to assist with the Lei Draping.
- 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) -- Desiree reported that she received an update from the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association who manages the Hilo Lei Draping. Micah Alameda invited the Commission to attend the Lei Draping on June 10 at 5 pm.
- h. **Kona Parade and Ho'olaule'a** (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani reported she has a pā'ū workshop on May 18th. They are still actively searching and adding units to the Kona Parade in conjunction with Daughters of Hawai'i. On June 8 they will be shutting down the majority of Ali'i Dr. and will hold a Ho'olaule'a at the Huile'e Palace Grounds at 7 pm.

They are working with the business association and will be holding a block party. She also noted they will be attending the Lei Draping Ceremony on O‘ahu. KK Kaniho reported he will be attending a meeting next week regarding the plans for Kohala.

**VI. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives**

- a. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported they will be building the Mo‘i and Royal Order Floats.
- b. **‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Louise inquired if Lei Draping practice has been scheduled but it has not yet been set.
- 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) -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs** (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association** (Jame Schaedel) -- Jame reported KSAA has signed up to participate in the parade.
- h. **Kapahulu Music Club** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- i. **Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association** (Leilani Kahaono) -- 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) -- Nothing to report.
- m. **Island of Kaua‘i** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Nothing to report.
- n. **Island of Moloka‘i** (Leina‘ala Bishaw) -- Nothing to report.
- o. **Island of Lāna‘i** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

**VII. Public Testimony** -- Nothing to report.

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting** -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

**IX. Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.