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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 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 I), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Moani Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Kimo Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Leilani Kahoano** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association)

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Kala Foundation), **Marlene Wilson** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association)

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum** -- Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Meeting minutes for August were approved. No public testimony provided.
- II. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reported that she has been completing her regular duties and tasks. In addition, she has completed additional training including Workplace Violence Training, Ethics Training, and Sexual Harassment Training as well as the inventory report and year end financials. She has sent out reminders to encouraging neighbor island partners to apply for the HTA grant funding as this will be done by each island and or event this year individually. Deadline for HTA grants is Sept. 20, 2024. She is currently gathering information for the HTA report. She has updated the website with application links. If you have additional information, please provide any new information for 2025 events so we can complete the website updates. We are also awaiting finalization of the 2025 theme to update as the site. She has been preparing the information to solicit a second procurement which will be issued once the funds are in our account. Note, KKCC has not been transferred to DBEDT as the bill did not pass at the legislature. Please note that the KKCC Office building currently has a black construction tarp surrounding it. We have been informed that Homeaid is building a 73-unit Kauhale on the adjacent large empty lot and the main entrance will be on Iwilei Road but the property behind the Annex will be a fire lane and back entrance to the project. Kainoa asked that Keith Regan with DAGS and or Karen Ewald with SFCA may join us at one of our meetings to answer questions in the next few months. Moani inquired if this was for a year or what is the length of the time would we remain under DAGS. Kainoa noted that it would be until someone resurrects the legislation. Kainoa noted that during the last meeting we voted to no longer have the Commission pursue the funding for HTA so we have decentralized to have each event seek their own funding in an effort to expedite the payments. If you are looking for a letter of support from KKCC please let us know.

III. **Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy noted that she contacted the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts regarding our 2025 Lei Draping Funding and is awaiting instructions beyond notice to submit the invoice in October.

IV. **KKCC Business/Committee Reports**

- a. **Executive Committee Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa noted he would like to meet with each Commissioner and the head of each organization that is represented to learn more about how we can work together more closely. We will be reaching out to schedule a meeting so please let us know your availability when you receive an email from Amy. We would like to clarify each organization's role. We are looking to have a theme selected for the statewide marketing. Kimo suggested Mary Kawena Pukui's saying E Ho'omau – Persevere to continue. Kainoa noted that a few years prior to COVID we had already recognized her but he likes the idea of the theme even though she was celebrated a few years ago. There will be a one dollar coin through the U.S. Mint honoring her in 2025. Also Punahou will be opening a building at the end of 2025 also in her honor. Kainoa agreed to select the theme E Ho'omau. Ian would like to reinstate a Lei Ali'i partnerships with other organizations. Ian suggested that these themes would go across multiple events including Prince Kuhio, King Kamehameha and Prince Lot events. Ian suggested the following with respect to the Lei Ali'i program including: 2025 E Ola Ka Hula (overall), March - E Ola Ka Hula: Hula o ka 'Āina Pulapula (celebrate and educate on homesteads), June - E Ola Ka Hula: Hula nō nā Ali'i (celebrate and educate on commission orgs./Royal Societies), July - E Ola Ka Hula: Hula nō nā Wahi Pana (celebrate and educate on treasured places), 2026 E Ola Ka Mele, March - E Ola Ka Mele: Mele nō nā 'Āina Pulapula (celebrate and educate on homesteads), June - E Ola Ka Mele: Hula nō nā Ali'i (celebrate and educate commission orgs./Royal Societies), July - E Ola Ka Mele: Hula nō nā Wahi Pana (celebrate and educate on treasured places).
- b. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report, however, Kainoa suggested to see if the suggested SFCA transfer will be resurrected in 2025. Amy noted that non-transfer does not preclude us from working with DBEDT on programming.
- c. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Retention** (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Friends of KKCC** -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Outreach and Education** -- Nothing to report.

V. **Events**

- a. **Kaua'i Ho'olaule'a** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Nothing to report.
- b. **O'ahu, Parade, Ho'olaule'a, Pā'ū** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Chair and Ho'olaule'a Chair) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- 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** (Pam Alconel, pending) -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Island of Hawai'i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Keke Kaniho) -- Nothing to report.
- h. **Kona Parade and Ho'olaule'a** (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani noted their meeting will begin next month.

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

- a. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Kainoa Daines) -- Royal Order is assisting in building floats and decorating vehicles for Aloha Festivals. Kainoa noted that Louise recently received the Kalani Ali'i Award commenting her hula was exceptional and speech inspirational.

- b. *'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu* (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- c. *Hale O Nā Ali'i* (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. *Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua* (Puake'ala Mann) -- Puake'ala noted that Kainoa had given lei to the princess of Aotearoa during our Lei Draping Ceremony and she is the now the new Queen as the King passed away recently.
- e. *Daughters of Hawai'i* (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani reminded everyone that October 5 is Day at Queen Emma Summer Palace from 9 am – 2 pm. They are seeking vendors, donations, etc.
- f. *Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs* (Beverly Lee, pending) -- Nothing to report.
- g. *Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association* (Jame Schaedel) -- Nothing to report.
- h. *Kapahulu Music Club* (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo noted that he is also helping the Aloha Festivals to wrap the pā'ū riders.
- i. *Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association* (Leilani Kahaono) -- Leilai reported that they provided a submission for themes as well. She is also hoping that they can create a bus for next year to participate in the King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade.
- j. *Papakōlea Community Association* (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- k. *Island of Hawai'i* (Keke Kaniho) -- Nothing to report.
- l. *Island of Maui* (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani noted that Aloha Festivals is in full swing on Maui.
- 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* (Pam Alconel, pending) -- Nothing to report.

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

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting** -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

**IX. Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.