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KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION  
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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions the meeting took place via Zoom.

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: **Kainoa Daines** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina**, (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka'i), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Keone Kealoha**, (Kanu Hawai'i), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu)

Also in attendance: **Clint Kalaola**, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Beverly Lee**, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Manu Powers**, (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Denise Ka'a'a and Kilauea Wilson**

Not present: **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Vacant** (Island of Lāna'i) and **Vacant** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Kimo Alama Keaulana**, (Kaphulu Music Club), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kauhi Ahana** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association)

- I. **Call to Order** -- Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established.
- II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)** -- May Meeting Minutes were approved and April Meeting Minutes also approved with amendments.
  - a. **Executive Director's Report** -- Performed regularly required DAG's administrative duties and tasks. Amy Hammond reported that the KKCC Department would be transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) effective July 1. A meeting has been set to discuss with SFCA how the merger will work but don't know what the impact will be yet. We will be

meeting with SFCA to streamline our budget moving forward. This year the SFCA gave funding for the Lei Draping Ceremony only. Lei Draping expenses will be conducted through procurement. Vignettes will air from June 5 – 11 on Hawaii News Now.

**III. KKCC Business**

- a. **Executive Committee Report** -- We are planning to have a fact-finding meeting with DAGS Comptroller Curt Otuguro and Jonathan Johnson with SCFA to determine the impact of the merger. Please contact Kainoa if you have any questions.
- b. **Financial Update** (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai'i) -- Keone reported the current balance remains the same at \$13,890.58.
  - i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Ian reported that sponsorship proposals have gone out and received good initial interest including The Festival Companies and others. We submitted a grant proposal to HTA requesting \$30,000. We are hopeful that Kamehameha Schools will match it. We received confirmation for a \$50,000 grant from SFCA, specifically for Lei Draping, and are awaiting receipt of funds. We will likely meet our needs for this year with some left over for 2022. The Commission generally finds funding for marketing statewide. Kona, Hilo and Maui normally work directly with HTA for funding. O'ahu, Kaua'i, Moloka'i and Hilo have been the recipients of the majority of fundraising with Kohala as needed. Previously we had talks with HTA to provide KKCC with \$250,000 to cover all counties, however, that may not be an option because the new HTA structure relates to cultural activities and KKCC has also been moved to the SFCA. It may make sense to leave the volunteers and non-profits currently managing events and fundraising to continue to do so until we can sort out the new department structure. We may also want to discuss the possibility of a Friends of KKCC to assist in our efforts and see changes to the statutes if needed. KKCC is a very different type of organization and we may need to make some adjustments to HRS 8-5. Our goal will be to streamline the operations as it relates to fundraising and the various neighbor coordinating neighbor island entities. Please review your needs and submit what funding requirements you may have for the 2022 activities.

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

- a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa is awaiting confirmation that a 6 pm torch lighting ceremony will be held at the statue on June 10. He will also be attending the Hilo Lei Draping. Normally they gather at the statue to reaffirm their fidelity to King Kamehameha as well as Kalaniani'ole.
- b. 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Lei Draping Ceremony plans are in place with lei sewing confirmed for the Ka'ahumanu Cemetery in Kalihi due to COVID restrictions. The practice did not go well this morning as the poles provided by Ocean from HFD were not long enough so they could essentially only talk through the practice. Taller poles will need to be sourced for Friday.
- c. Hale O Nā Ali'i (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

- d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Puake‘ala noted their ceremony would be on Friday, June 11 from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
  - e. Daughters of Hawai‘i (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported that unfortunately they are cancelling the Ho‘olaule‘a as they did not receive an exemption.
  - f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Nothing to report.
  - g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Kauhi Ahana) -- Nothing to report.
  - h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
  - i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Kilauea Wilson introduced Denise Ka‘a‘a who also attended the meeting. They are working on in-house elections and looking forward to assisting KKCC. We will send her the information on becoming an official member.
  - j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Amy reported on behalf of Lilia Kapuni‘ai noting that they will have eight boys to assist on Friday.
- V. Hawai‘i Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree Moana Cruz reported that they are ready to go with the Hilo Lei Draping Ceremony planned for June 10 at 5 pm. The normal organizations will be attending as well as the Mayor. The following morning at 5 am in Kohala there will be a sunrise protocol at Pololū and will be set up to receive lei from 5 am and the draping is planned to start at 8 am. There will be no parade or ho‘olaule‘a in Kona. Both sites are to be conducted as private ceremonies. No ho‘olaule‘a is planned at Moku Ola. She also reported that the Hawai‘i Island vignette will feature the birthplace of King Kamehameha I in Kohala, his first established government in Hilo and his last days of life spent in Kona.
- VI. Maui Report (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moanike‘ala is looking forward to the virtual Maui parade which will be shown on the MKCPPH (Nā Kamehameha Commemorative Pā‘ū Parade & Ho‘olaule‘a) Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NKCPPH> at 10 a.m. on June 19 followed at noon by the Ho‘olaule‘a. She thanked the entire Commission for continuing to plan and honor Kamehameha. Other facebook page features include: Pre Show: <https://www.facebook.com/NKCPPH/videos/769765630379623>, Parade: <https://www.facebook.com/NKCPPH/videos/878181179708503>, Ho‘oleale‘a: <https://www.facebook.com/NKCPPH/videos/221267409676773>
- VII. Kaua‘i Report (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.
- VIII. Moloka‘i Report (Heli Silva) -- Heli reported she is working with Daniel of Akakū Maui Community Media to complete the long version of the video and that she liked the HNN vignette. The Paniolo Heritage rodeo at Jimmy Duvachelle Arena will be noon – 6 pm with entertainment and a steak fry cook out on this Friday and Saturday. There will be a link for the full-length video to be provided later. The video represented the four islands of Maui Nui who featured a page and a princess and included a Royal Court. The video will be shown on June 11 on Akakū.
- IX. Lāna‘i Report (Vacant) — Nothing to report.
- X. O‘āhu Report (Kainoa Daines) -- Lei Draping Protocol was reviewed including materials to be used. Our event is modeled after the 2021 Kūhiō Day celebration. We plan to have invited guests RSVP for 20-minute time slots for the drive-through lei drop-off entering from the Punchbowl entrance. The deadline to RSVP will be Monday, June 7 if they want to get out to offer the lei with protocol and oli they can do so during

that time slot. We will have the boys from Papakōlea Community Association wearing black pants, aloha shirt and barefoot along with the volunteers from the Honolulu Fire Department. They will be using poles to drape the lei from invited guests to be placed on the statue arm holding the spear and the plumeria lei will be placed on the outstretched arm with any lei coming after to be determined. The mayor, governor and commission organizations will be invited, and time slots will be available based on a first come first serve basis. We will have a rehearsal to practice with the poles. Ideally when people exit their car they will be escorted to the mound for draping and returned to their vehicle. We will distribute the draft protocol with responses requested by end of Monday for any revisions. We will also distribute an email regarding where to watch and follow. 'Ōlelo will be filming from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm with the entire program beginning from 10 am. Ian will oversee the parking. The commissioners are welcome to attend but it is preferred to direct everyone to watch on 'Ōlelo with social distancing in place. If commissioners do attend, aloha attire is recommended.

XI. **Commission Reports**

- a. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
- b. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **O'ahu Parade, Ho'olaule'a and Pā'ū Units** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Clint reported the ho'olaule'a is cancelled.
- f. **150<sup>th</sup> Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** -- Nothing to report.

XII. **Public Testimony** -- None

XIII. **Miscellaneous** -- Nothing to report.

XIV. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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