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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19's 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), **Kehaulani Keana'aina**, (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Kimo Alama Keaulana**, (Kapahulu Music Club), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua)

Also in attendance: **Manu Powers** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Julian Keikilani Ako** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Denise Ka'a'a** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Keone Kealoha** (Kanu Hawai'i)

Not present: **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua'i), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka'i), **Kāwika Trask** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Lilia Kapuni'ai** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Clint Kalaola** with Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Beverly Lee** (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Vacant** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Vacant** (Island of Lāna'i) and **Vacant** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association)

- I. **Call to Order** -- Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair.
- II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)** -- Quorum was established and the October meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
- III. **Executive Director's Report** -- Reviewed brief on new Sunshine Law going into effect on January 1st and in-practice is immediate. Performed regularly required DAG's administrative duties and tasks. Met with the Comptroller and Kainoa to discuss how to proceed with our procurement. Reviewed the new proposed KKCC web page to be provided by hosted by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA). Distributed Retention committee information and KKCC Contact List. Scheduled and held meetings with Island

Commissioners and event representatives to secured the information and materials needed to create the HTA Community Enrichment Program (CEP) Grant submitted on November 5. The Executive Committee met to review the 2022 plans with Maui Nui, Kaua‘i, Kona, Kohala, Honolulu and Hilo. Hilo initially planned to participate in our statewide submission but at the last minute chose to fund themselves. We expect to hear back on the funding in early December.

IV. *KKCC Business*

a. Executive Committee Report -- Nothing to report.

i. Financial Update (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai‘i) -- Ian reported an account balance of \$4,881.76 in Kanu Hawai‘i’s account. Keone canceled the paper statement to save the fee. Currently we have a balance in the KKCC Trust Fund Account of \$35,000. Ian advised we will be using a shared Google Drive folder for information Commissioners can easily access including the roles and responsibilities, financials, etc. As some of these documents are still being created it will not be ready for the next meeting.

ii. Fundraising Committee (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

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

- a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- They will be gathering for the first time at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Waikiki in December.
- b. ‘Ahaui Ka‘ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Louise reported they are meeting live monthly at Bishop Museum. They are preparing to gather in December at a location to be disclosed at a later time. In January 2022 they plan to meet at Bishop Museum. They are beginning their planning calendar for 2022.
- c. Hale O Nā Ali‘i (Ian Custino) -- They plan to return to in person meetings in early 2022.
- d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake‘ala Mann) -- On the 16th they will be having a ceremony at Manua Ala Kalakaua Crypt, this is the 57th year. No invitation is required, this event had previously been held at Iolani Palace. They are planning their general membership meeting. The last meeting was in July and they will have their next meeting in November.
- e. Daughters of Hawai‘i (Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- They are meeting monthly with the annual meeting on Feb. 28. They have two new events to be held at Hulihe‘e virtually and in person on Feb. 12. They also have the Mu‘u Mu‘u (name pending) that will be held on the Hulihe‘e Palace Grounds on January 22nd.
- f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pē‘a) -- They were supposed to have a virtual convention this month but it has been moved to the second week of January. The event will be just prior to the January 20 start of the Legislative Session. During the Convention they will hold meetings and discussions regarding proposed bills and policies.
- g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Vacant) -- Julian Keikilani Ako followed up on behalf of Kāwika. He noted they held a virtual forum on October 13 with 204 people registering. 94 people attended at the peak of the meeting, which is a normal attendance. Feedback was provided using an online format and was favorable.
- h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Beverly Lee and Kimo have met and are looking forward and planning for an in-person parade this year. Kapahulu Music Club will be meeting in person sometime after the holiday and will be brushing up on their wrapping skills.

- i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Denise Ka‘a‘a reported reported that they have been meeting monthly since June some in-person and some meetings via Zoom. They are in the process of elections to take place on Jan. 3. Currently they are working through the policies and procedures. She noted that there is lots of community activity going on at present. They are building at Pāhōnu, which is the Fish/Turtle pond, on the weekend and doing Limu Hui invitation only because of COVID. They just completed an Arbor Day event with 100 people picking up plants from Waimānalo. They have also had COVID testing and provided vaccinations for about 4 weeks, as their community has a lower vaccination rate. She is awaiting a letter of recommendation for her Commission appointment.
- j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

VI. ***Hawai‘i Island Report*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report

VII. ***Maui Report*** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- The Maui Pā‘ū Committee met on the third Thursday last month and will move forward with an in-person parade on Front Street with six riders in each unit. By November 18 they will know if they have all eight islands. They will be holding a public meeting on the third Thursday of January. The riders are committed to participating in a virtual event if the live event is not possible.

VIII. ***Kaua‘i Report*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.

IX. ***Moloka‘i Report*** (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.

X. ***Lāna‘i Report*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

XI. ***O‘ahu Report*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Lei Draping ceremony will take place on Friday, June 10, 2022.

XII. ***Commission Reports***

- a. ***Legislative*** (Manu Powers) -- Manu noted she will be reaching out to Kēhau to Legislative Committee. She also noted the Kona Parade committee has met and will be moving forward with preparations for a live Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a.
- b. ***Statuary*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- The Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association Mamalahoe Chapter has decided to retain ownership of the Hilo Statue. KKCC was working with them to work toward coordinating the transfer of ownership to the State as it could take over the responsibility of maintenance, insurance, and repairs, however, they have declined. Kainoa met with Congressman Kanahale regarding the King Kamehameha Statue in Washington, D.C. and he will speak with him to ensure the statue is in place for the 150th Anniversary. Kainoa will also provide them with an updated narrative for tours at the statue. He will also reach out to the other Senators and Representatives to see if we can create something special for 2022. Amy advised that she had communicated with the supervisor in charge of the grounds keepers regarding preparing the Honolulu Statue for the Lei Draping Ceremony as it nears to ensure that they trim for safety but leave enough time in advance for regrowth so it does not look chopped. Kainoa noted he would also like to meet with the supervisor. In addition, he added that he would like to pursue the possibility of putting up additional signage and fencing on the mound.
- c. ***Retention*** (Kēhau Pe‘a and Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kehaulani thanked Ian for his continuing with the commission and also Julian for filling in on behalf of Kāwika. The Retention Committee has been working on a Frequently Asked Questions document which will be provided soon. They are also creating an online handbook. Kēhau thanked Denise and noted as of Oct. 28 we have received word from Sharon with Boards and Commissions that Denise has already uploaded her application and they are just awaiting the letter of recommendation. They have reached out to Lilia

as her application has been received and we are also awaiting a letter of recommendation. We are currently looking for candidates to represent Lāna‘i. Lyah has advised she will not continue with the commission but will remain until the end of June. She has suggested Kimo Perry as her replacement and will follow up with him to see his level of interest.

- d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo recommended that everyone go to the State Archives website to review four new videos uploaded this past Thursday. Hawai‘i State Archives video link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8970555>
- e. **O‘ahu Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a and Pā‘ū Units** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Kainoa noted that Beverly met with pā‘ū units to determine their level of interest in participating if the event is virtual. She is awaiting final confirmations. Currently we are planning for an in-person event with virtual as a back up.
- f. **150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** -- 2022 Theme: E Ola Ka Mō‘ī Kamehameha! – Long live King Kamehameha! -- Kainoa noted that we have several museums holding exhibits honoring King Kamehameha. Julian followed up on behalf of Kāwika who had suggested last meeting putting together a series of presentations on Kamehameha ‘Ekahi and other Kamehameha ‘ohana. He presented the idea to Jack Wong who passed the request along to Kau‘i Burgess with Kamehameha Schools’ Director of Community & Government Relations. Kau‘i advised the funding was not available. Kainoa suggested if KSAA is interested in pursuing, perhaps they can work together with Vicky Holt Takamine working closely with Monte McComber submitted an HTA CEP Grant to have the Royal Hawaiian Center decorate their windows with flowers in June like London’s Chelsea in Bloom. Representatives from Maui and Kona liked the idea and expressed interested in doing this in their respective locations. Kēhau inquired if we were planning to put together a Haku Mele competition.

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

XIV. **Miscellaneous** -- Nothing to report.

XV. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

XVI. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.