King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Hawai‘i State Capitol, room 016 (adjacent to Capitol Auditorium)

Attended: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Beverly Lee (Kapahulu Music Club), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), Gerry Miyamoto (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Kathleen Moniz (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Kēhau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Lu Faborito (Island of Moloka‘i), Louise Alina representing Geanine Gomes (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), Lionel Wright (Papakōlea Community Association), via phone: Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i) and Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association). Not present Kamakana Aquino (Waimānalo Homestead Association), Daryl Fujiwara (Island of Maui), Anela Evans (Island of Lāna‘i)

I. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. and quorum not established.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s). Previous meeting minutes to be submitted for review and will be posted on KKCC state website once approved by the Commission.

III. Executive Director report – Report for the period since hire (March 18, 2019) included DAGS training, Secure P-Card, liaise with media to develop print and radio campaign, Develop Sponsorship Packages, Coordinate with Neighborhood Boards for parade route and Ho‘olaule‘a at Aloha Tower, Secure permit for street closure, meet with DTS to review street closure plan, work with Kapi‘olani Park to secure parking lot permits, Liaise with CNHA to organize work flow and set up budgets, Submit 2020 Parade Application to DTS, Performed HPU site inspection for Ho‘olaule‘a, Process parade applications and create scripts, worked with I LOVE Hawai‘i Magazine, a Korean Publication, to develop article on the celebrations, worked with Catherine Cruz on Honolulu Magazine article, worked with Cheryl Tsutsumi on article for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and met with the state conservator regarding the cleaning of the statue.

IV. KKCC Business -- The budget, per General Account journal, notes funds in the amount of approximately $35,000, which will be rolling over into the General Fund if not spent. The commission discussed an exploratory trip to the island of Hawaii. An alternative use
of funds would be for a conference room table; commission uniforms, possibly Polo shirts or other office furniture. We will follow up with Sharon Ibara regarding the Commissioners deadlines to sunset to establish who would attend. Amy will do a doodle survey of June 22nd or 29th to determine the best date and provide the agenda.

a. Executive Committee report
   i. Welcome new Commissioners – Welcomed Gerry Miyamoto from Daughters of Hawai‘i and Kauhi Ahana from Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association.
   ii. CNHA update – We have been working closely with CNHA who have been an efficient fiscal sponsor to date. Currently contributions noted to date include $10,000 from Kintetsu, $5,000 from Kamehameha Schools, $1,000 from the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, $5,500 from the island of Moloka‘i, Mahalo to Lu for her efforts. Southwest and Heineken are also considering contributions. It was noted that all interactions with CNHA should flow through Amy to our contact Maka, nothing directly to Maka.

b. Kaua‘i events report – Chucky Boy Chock from the Kaua‘i Museum and Kimo Perry will be holding an event in conjunction with the Kaua‘i Museum this year. They may possibly include a parade in their event next year also. They will have a small event that is still evolving.

V. General Parade -- Meeting will take place on May 23rd at 6 p.m. at the State Capitol in the auditorium. June 1st will be the Volunteer meeting at the State Capitol.

a. Honolulu Events Committee report:
   i. Lei Draping Ceremony
      1. Commission to review, edit and vote on Lei Draping ceremonial protocol – The draft protocol for O‘ahu was discussed and reviewed. Lei is 30’ in length, using only natural materials, kukui nut plant materials, thread or kukui okay - no yarn in lei. We will make exceptions for State Senators, State Reps or Governors to present lei. We may expand to have the people drop off the lei in a span of at least 3 hours. Geanine will sign in lei received. We are trying to streamline by having a lei check-in area.

Kainoa will revise the proposed protocol and will resend with a deadline for additional feedback. Once finalized, this new protocol will be posted on the commission’s website and distributed to various entities. Disposal date of lei will need to be determined with the State.

We will add a check-in table for the lei and we will make signage for lei check-in for VIPs. Two tents will be erected this year to provide seating for Royal Societies and a VIP area. Kainoa will be emceeing the event. Papakōlea confirmed to attend and requested to wear malo. Lionel is confirming that there would be 4 – 6 of his people to assist and will arrive at 1 p.m. It was noted in Kohala that they also wear malo.

Statue is being cleaned as it has not been done since the 1990s and it will also be scheduled for cleaning in the future on a regular basis by the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts.

103rd Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade –

ii. King Kamehameha Celebration Ho‘olauleʻa - The reason we
moved the event from Kapi‘olani Park to Aloha Tower is because the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FESTPAC) is coming in 2020 and this will be an opportunity to test this system. The first Ho‘olaule‘a was in 2009. In 2010, it moved to ‘Iolani Palace and then moved back to Kapi‘olani Park. Clint Kalaloa will be executing the event and he reported that he already has 7 vendors confirmed. Some entertainers are confirmed but he is awaiting a headliner.

b. Moloka‘i events report – Lu reported that the event has expanded and there will be a small parade and Lū‘au. Lu requested a banner for the event due by June 10th. She also has requested a new malo for their event and inquired about getting reimbursed for funds that she has already dispersed.

c. Maui events report – The event will include six Pā‘ū units in the parade.

d. Lāna‘i events report – Not having anything this year.

e. Hawai‘i Island events report – Because it’s the 200th year since Kamehameha’s death, the committee in Kona wanted to add in an art exhibit similar to that of the Volcano Museum. This will then be housed at the Kona King Kamehameha Hotel. It was noted at the Hilo lei draping that there will be a moment of silence for Skylark in recognition of her role as a previous Commissioner. “Honolulu” Skylark Rossetti was the Hawai‘i Island Commissioner before Desiree and was instrumental in securing the Hilo Statue from Kaua‘i. She helped move the statue to Hilo from Kaua‘i with the Princeville Corporation.

f. Commission Retention – This needs to be considered for future discussion.

g. Commission to vote on:

i. Lei Draping Ceremonial protocol – Information to be disseminated for discussion. Vote tabled due to lack of quorum.

VI. Public Testimony.

Both Carol Higa and Ronald Rivera with the Kaho‘olawe Pā‘ū Unit for the Honolulu Parade presented copies of an email from Bev Lee, the Equestrian Chair, because they are concerned about her bringing disharmony to the units and feared retaliation for participation in future parades. They also suggested that the Commission consider purchasing new banners for the Pā‘ū Units.

Kainoa thanked the group for coming down to testify and assured further investigation. He thanked the group for their time coming to address the Commission and appreciated the passion expressed as it relates to their participation. Beverly acknowledged that everyone is entitled to speak his or her own mind. Kainoa noted further that the Commission does not take this lightly as we are here to celebrate Kamehameha and this will be further discussed internally. Pā‘ū is a very special art that brings us all together.

VII. Upcoming Meeting Date to be determined – Amy provided a reminder to complete the Financial Disclosure Form for the State Ethics Commission, due on May 30th.

VIII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.