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KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION
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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 15, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Place: The OHA Offices at Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., 2nd floor, Honolulu

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

- I. *Call to Order.* Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. and quorum was 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 Commission.
- III. *Executive Director Report* – Executed and attended events and supported neighbor island efforts and performed DAGS administrative tasks.
- IV. **KKCC Business**
 - a. *Executive Committee report*
 - i. *2019 Financial Update* – A correction was noted from last meeting when it was discussed that there were \$35,000 available funds in the KKCC account that would be rolled over if not used, however, this was in error as it was a journal entry for DAGS rather than accessible funds.
 - b. *Kaua‘i events report* – Nothing to report.
 - c. *Honolulu Events Committee report:*
 - i. *Lei Draping Ceremony* – It was reported that Kahu Cordell Kekoa felt this was the best Lei Draping yet as it featured traditional elements but kept the program moving. Geanine reported that the event went very well but suggested moving forward that there be

more input and participation from other Commissioners. On behalf of the Royal Order, Kainoa shared to shorten the blessings and that not every lei needs to be blessed. It was noted that the Pacific Arts Festival would like to change the date of the Lei Draping Ceremony. This option will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. It was noted that the changes in the Lei Draping Protocol were met with mixed feelings. Some still felt they preferred the previous protocol. Every effort was made to communicate with the stakeholders via direct phone calls, e-mails and letters. Although these changes had been in discussion since 2018 with the public invited to provide input, there were still some disappointed people who provided lei expecting previous Protocol, as their leadership had not shared with them the new Protocol. Public testimony was provided in support of reviewing the Protocols once more.

1. *Ho'okupu* – It was noted that the new Protocols included opportunity for presentation of Ho'okupu as a group which worked well.
- ii. *103rd Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade* – Overall, the parade was a success. Overwhelming written and public testimony was provided in support of Beverly to continue as the Pā'ū Chair and to establish a Pā'ū Advisory Committee. It was noted that Beverly was reprimanded for her comments prior to the 2019 event. She met with the units involved and apologized. Her apologies were accepted and everyone directly involved agreed during the face-to-face meetings that the issue was resolved. Copies of the written testimony are available through the Executive Director upon request.
- iii. *King Kamehameha Celebration Ho'olaule'a* – The event was very successful and it laid a good foundation to hold the event at Aloha Tower Marketplace in the future. It was noted that due to the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture in 2020, the Kapi'olani Park's parking lots would be filled with floats, which will restrict access to any other parking. Therefore, moving the event to Aloha Tower Marketplace is the best course of action.
- d. *Moloka'i events report* – Lu reported that the events were well received and laid a good foundation for next year.
- e. *Maui events report* – Nothing to report.
- f. *Lāna'i events report* – Nothing to report.
- g. *Hawai'i Island events report* – Nothing to report.
 - i. *Lei Draping* -
- h. *Commission Reports*
 - i. *Legislative* –Nothing to report.
 - ii. *Statuary* – In 2009, the Commission voted not to have the lei on the neck of the statue starting in 2010. Suggestions were made that this procedure be reviewed and reconsidered. Additionally, Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua, held their annual 8 a.m. ceremony and unfortunately DAGS had not removed the lei from the weekend. Normally, they were supposed to remove all lei from the statue and mound on the first working day

following the lei draping. It was noted that the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts worked in conjunction with the Commission to clean the statue prior to Lei Draping Ceremony and will continue to regularly schedule statue cleanings moving forward.

- iii. *Retention* – Kamakana’s term will expire on June 30, 2019 and a new person will be selected; Bev and Daryl will do a one-year hold over to their current term with replacement named in June 2020; Kainoa’s term will expire in 2021 with an opportunity to continue until 2025.
- iv. *Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners* – This was tabled until next meeting.
- v. *Future planning* -- This was tabled until next meeting.

V. *Public Testimony* – Testimony was moved to the beginning of the meeting, as there were a large number of attendees. Written testimony available upon request.

VI. *Upcoming meeting date to be determined.*

VII. *Adjourn* – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.