King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Aloha Tower Marketplace, 1 Aloha Tower Drive, Honolulu, Hawai‘i in the Kulolia Private Dining Room located next to HPU Student Life.

Commissioners who Attended: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Beverly Lee (Kapahulu Music Club), Gerry Miyamoto (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Kehau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), Puake‘ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Lu Faborito (Island of Moloka‘i) and via phone Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i). Not present: Daryl Fujiwara (Island of Maui), and Lionel Wright (Papakōlea Community Association).

I. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s). Meeting minutes were approved with minor changes noted.

III. Executive Director Report -- Performed required DAG’s administrative tasks, completed online parade application and minor release forms, worked with CNHA to finalize payment portals for parade application and sponsorships. Met with Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture Commission. Followed up on a grant of $50,000 from the Hawaii State Foundation for Culture and the Arts. Working with Neighbor Islands to secure activity dates and times for website and promotional updates. Finalized sponsorship information and began distribution. Working to create a task list of activities to be performed for KKCC.

IV. KKCC Business
   a. Executive Committee Report – Kainoa, Clint and Amy attended the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture meeting to discuss participation.

Financial Update (CNHA) – CNHA provided Amy with a financial update noting we are currently in the negative. Revised and finalized payment portals for sponsorship and application processing. Currently we have some HTA funds outstanding for 2019 and are awaiting payment. For 2020, we are in the process of working with HTA determining the status
of the grant submitted and are awaiting confirmation. We are waiting to determine level of participation from Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture to find out what amount HTA will be providing as a sponsorship.

b. Kaua‘i Report – Lyah Kama-Drake’s name and application has been submitted to the Governor and we are awaiting confirmation and the results of a criminal background check. The next meeting for KKCC-Kauai will take place on Wednesday, February 19.

c. O‘ahu Report --

i. Lei Draping Ceremony, (Friday, June 12, 2020, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm) –

The time of the event will be changed on the website from 2:30 pm – 4:30 p.m. The suggested protocols were discussed and it was determined the vote would be postponed to next month. Kainoa and Amy to prepare a document for review which will be distributed in advance and voted on during the next meeting. Puake‘ala read a letter from Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua regarding their suggestions for the lei draping. As the event has grown there are more time constraints related to the Judiciary as well as HFD’s participation. It was universally agreed upon that an RSVP to present lei, oli, hula, ho‘okupu, etc. be introduced. Also that all organizations with a seat on the Commission would be given an opportunity to present an offering would be considered and an internal deadline set for that response as well. The quantity of lei to be presented by Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture and other protocol has not yet been determined but will have an impact on our timing. It was recommended that we vote to nominate someone to establish an investigatory committee to be lead on the Lei Draping and work out who should take the lead on the mound during the event. Mapuana will once again be asked to perform closing protocol on the mound. Once the new protocols have been established, letters will be distributed to the organizations that have traditionally participated as well as posted on our website and included in our public relations efforts. Also, the cultural advisor for Kohala has agreed to provide some standard procedures via a workshop and suggestions for all of the lei draping ceremonies in the future. Currently ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu will take the lead and continue to plan and order as they have in the past. Any additional elements required will be added and organized by Amy once Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture has determined their level of participation. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua have requested that their event held at the statue be added to our calendar of events.

ii. 104th Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade (Saturday, June 13, 2020, 9:30 am – 1 pm) – Mo‘i applications are currently online, as well as parade applications. Currently Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture has advised that they have 14 units participating with each unit to include a banner, car, walking unit or trolley possibly for kapuna. There will be no horses or floats. Beverly gave an update for the Pā‘ū Units that the mandatory Rules and Regulation Meeting will take place this coming Sunday. As for the review stands, Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture would like to see the scripts translated into French and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i as well as provided in English and they would handle that task. Clint Kalaola gave a report as he is waiting to determine how many representatives we will have from the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture. We will need to
determine where the floats are going to be built as well as staging participants. Their participation will increase our need for volunteers, costs for lua, security, etc. They will also need to determine locations for their potential reviewing stands.

iv. King Kamehameha Celebration Ho’olaule’a, (Saturday, June 13, 2020, 2 pm – 8 pm) - Clint Kalaola gave a report that there will be two stages this year with ethnic and traditional entertainment featured will take place from Mauka to Makai. The time will be from 2 pm – 8 pm. We are looking to have a cultural practitioner tent should any of the countries from Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture wish to do any demonstrations. Applications for vendors will be online by next month. The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture has moved their events at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and Bishop Museum as not to conflict with our event. We are hoping to leverage on the additional attendance and participation this year as a result of the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture but are awaiting confirmation of participation to finalize logistic. We are shooting to have confirmations by the end of March.

d. Moloka’i Report – It doesn’t look like the parade will be happening on Saturday, June 13 but the Ho’olaule’a will take place on Sunday, June 14. Lu advised she did not need to clone the Honolulu online application for Moloka’i as she has been primarily working directly with participants.


g. Hawai’i Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz)  
Hilo Statue – Nothing to report.

h. Commission Reports

i. Legislative – (Kehau Pe’a) Nothing to report at the legislature however it was discussed if we should establish some trademark or licensing fee for use of the statue image in order to protect the image and likeness of King Kamehameha.

ii. Statuary – (Desiree Moana Cruz) Desiree is working closely with the group in Hilo to sort out the details for the transfer of the Hilo statue to the State of Hawai’i.

iii. Retention – (Beverly Lee) Beverly Lee reported that we have not yet heard anything from Punahaile Pires who has been nominated to be the new Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead Association Commissioner. If we don’t hear something in the near future we will consider possibly removing their seat from the Commission. In addition, Ben Cockett and Heli Silva have been considered for the Moloka’i seat but neither has officially applied. Awaiting word from Sharon Ibara regarding the proposed Commissioner to replace Anela Evans Lana’i Commissioner. Awaiting word from Daryl on potential Maui Commissioner replacement but if anyone has any ideas please share them with us. Boards and Commissions will contact candidate when the Governor has confirmed the nomination and the candidate will go before them to testify prior to the end of the legislative session.

iv. Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners – (Kainoa Daines) A document with suggested Roles and Responsibilities was distributed to the Commissioners at the last meeting for review and discussion. This document will be discussed in more detail and roles determined at the next meeting.
v. Future planning – The 150th Kamehameha Day Celebration (declared in 1871 and celebrated in 1872) will be taking place in 2022 so we would like to begin advance planning. This discussion and the formation of a committee will be tabled until the next meeting.

V. Public Testimony – None.

VI. Upcoming meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Aloha Tower Marketplace in the Kulolila Private Dining Room

VII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm