King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date:   Tuesday, April 15, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19 therefore the meeting took place via conference call

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

I. **Call to Order**: Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established.

II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)**. Feb and March Meeting minutes were approved.

III. **Executive Director Report** - Performed required DAG’s administrative tasks, worked on finalizing events-related activities, attended DAGS Department meetings regarding COVID-19 situation. Created plan of operations for emergency situations and numerous related reports. Coordinated optional events’ cancellation plans with each of the respective neighbor island coordinators.

IV. **KKCC Business**
   a. **Executive Committee Report** – A unanimous vote was made to cancel all of the events statewide. We will plan to do Lei Draping in a private and abbreviated version on all islands. At a minimum, ho‘okupu will be placed at each of the statues. The ho‘olaule’a will ideally be postponed to a later date. We will develop a social media program to honor King Kamehameha on June 11. Amy will work with the Governor’s press secretary to create a press release regarding the cancellation of events statewide. The drafted press release will then be distributed to the Commissioners for review before it
moves on for Governor’s approval by early next week. Amy will follow up with the neighbor islands to confirm the cancellation status as a unified entity.

b. **Financial Update (CNHA)** – CNHA provided Amy with a financial update - we currently have a balance of $18,180.77 with several reimbursements to be processed upon receipt.

c. **Kaua‘i Report** – Lyah Kama-Drake’s application has been submitted to the Governor. The events on Kaua‘i will be cancelled.

d. **O‘ahu Report** --
   i. **Lei Draping Ceremony, (Friday, June 12, 2020, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm)** – We received a proposal from Tidal Wave Productions to live stream the event. Once the plans around the event are determined then other promotional opportunities for the private event will be considered.
   ii. **104th Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade (Saturday, June 13, 2020, 9:30 am – 1 pm)** – The event will be cancelled. We will attempt to secure some reimbursement funding for the Pā‘ū Units.
   iii. **King Kamehameha Celebration Ho‘olaule’a, (Saturday, June 13, 2020, 2 pm – 8 pm)** – The event has been postponed with no specific date selected.

e. **Moloka‘i Report** – Events have been cancelled. The Moloka‘i Committee may opt to hold a private ceremony as well.

f. **Maui Report** – Events have been cancelled with Ho‘olaule’a postponed.

g. **Lāna‘i Report** – Nothing to report.

h. **Hawai‘i Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz)**
   
   i. **Hilo Statue** – Events have been cancelled.

   j. **Commission Reports**
      i. **Legislative** – (Kēhau Pe‘a) nothing to report other than Sunshine Law is presently suspended.
      ii. **Statuary** – (Desiree Moana Cruz) Desiree is still working with the group in Hilo to sort out the details for the Hilo statue transfer.
      iii. **Retention** – (Bev Lee) Bev reported that we have not yet heard anything from Punaha Pires, the new Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association Commissioner candidate. Application has been received from Jerald “Kimo” Alama Keaulana from Kapahulu Music Club. In addition, Ben Cockett and Heli Silva have been considered for the Moloka‘i seat but neither has officially applied. We are awaiting word from Sharon Ibara to confirm. Leonani noted that she might know of someone on Moloka‘i and will reach out. Awaiting word from Daryl on potential Maui Commissioner replacement, Jamie Moanikeala Whittle Wagner. Lionel previously said that he was not interested to continue with the commission and that he would secure a replacement. Now, however, he has shown a renewed interest to remain as a commissioner. Bev is currently working to follow up on all of these positions.
      iv. **Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners** – (Kainoa Daines) The Roles and Responsibilities document will be presented and discussed at a future commission meeting.
      v. **Future planning** – Tabled until a future meeting.
V. Public Testimony – None.

VI. Miscellaneous – Nothing to report.

VII. Upcoming meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2020

VIII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm