King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 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 Zoom.

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), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i), Lu Faborito (Island of Moloka‘i), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), Daryl Fujiwara (Island of Maui). Not present: Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Lyah Kama Drake (Island of Kaua‘i), Darlene Endrina (Island of Lāna‘i), Lionel Wright (Papakōlea Community Association), Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association). Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola, Tidal Wave Productions and Leonani Puailihau, CNHA, Moanikeala Whittle Wagner who will be replacing Daryl Fujiwara and Kimo Alama Keaulana, taking over Bev Lee’s place.

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established.

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

II. Executive Director Report - Performed required DAG’s administrative tasks, drafted social media plans, drafted HTA information for final report, drafted and distributed testimony for commissioners, posted lei draping protocols to the website, drafted furlough scenarios, attended DAGS Department meeting and training sessions.

Marketing and communications – We have been working on the social media program, responding to various public inquiries regarding the lei draping ceremony (ie. using a ladder to place lei on the statue’s arm) Desiree will be overseeing activities at Kohala and video footage will be provided for social media and the news. We will be hosting virtual concerts on our social media to celebrate the King Kamehameha Day holiday.

Sunshine Law – The Sunshine Law has partially been suspended thereby allowing us to meet via Zoom rather than in person.
III. **KKCC Business**

i. **Executive Committee Report** – Although we have a vacant position on the Commission, Kēhau agreed to continue her Legislature chair role and will draft a Legislature chair description to be added to the list of roles and responsibilities. Desiree will continue as the Statuary chair. Gerry agreed to replace Bev in the Commission Retention chair role. Ian will take over Bev’s place as the commission’s Vice chair. The current vacant position available is for a Finance chair, which must be determined soon to start fundraising right away for the June 2022 celebration. Kainoa and Amy will meet with CNHA regarding an agreement renewal.

ii. **Financial Update (CNHA)** – CNHA provided us a current updated financial report balance of $14,033.00. They also provided the 2019 profit and loss report. Those reports will be circulated to the commissioners at the July meeting.

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

iv. Kainoa – Everything has been cancelled for the entire year of 2020 for Royal Order. He encouraged the Pāʻū riders to post photos of previous years.

v. Louise – Nothing to report.

vi. Ian – Everything has been cancelled for the year.

vii. Puakeʻala – Everything has been cancelled.

viii. Gerry – The museum is currently closed and might be opened at the end of July.

ix. Kēhau – May possibly hold a virtual convention and meetings have been cancelled.

x. Bev – Nothing to report.

xi. **Kauaʻi Report** (Lyah Kama-Drake) – Nothing to report.

xii. **Oʻahu Report** (Kainoa Daines) – Nothing to report.

xiii. **Molokaʻi Report** (Lu Faborito) – Lu wanted to confirm that we were planning to work on the Maui County Grant due July 1. It was reported that Daryl would handle the Maui Grant and Amy and Heli would work on the Molokaʻi grant.

xiv. **Maui Report** (Daryl Fujiwara) – Moani wanted to check on the status of her commissioner application and Bev is checking with Sharon Ibara. Pāʻū riders are encouraged to post photos of previous years.

xv. **Lānaʻi Report** (Darlene Endrina) – Nothing to report.

xvi. **Hawaiʻi Island Report** (Desiree Moana Cruz) Kohala will not do a parade or Hoʻolauleʻa. People, however, are planning to engage in a sunrise activity at the Pololū lookout and then will drape lei at the statue while social distancing.

xvii. **Hilo Statue** – Nothing to report.

IV. **Commission Reports**

V. **Legislative** (Kēhau Peʻa) – Kainoa reported that Moani, Kimo, Darlene and Heli may be confirmed during this legislative session. If so, the commissioners will then be informed via e-mail regarding testimony submission.

VI. **Statuary** – (Desiree Moana Cruz) Nothing to report.

VII. **Retention** – (Bev Lee)

i. King Kamehameha Celebration Commission nominees: Louise Alina, Puakeʻala Mann, Kauhi Ahana, Gerry Miyamoto and Lyah Kama-Drake were confirmed by the legislature.

ii. This is the last meeting for Daryl, Lu and Beverly who will be leaving the commission at the end of the month. Jamie Moanikeala Whittle Wagner will replace Daryl. Jerald "Kimo" Alama Keaulana will replace Beverly. Heli Silva
will be replacing Lu. Also, Beverly reported that Punahele Pires is no longer interested to become a commissioner and she no longer sits on the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead board. The board is also not sure if they want to retain a seat in the commission, which would require a letter to pass through the legislature for approval prior to making an adjustment. Darlene Endrina from Lānaʻi hasn’t responded to the various attempts of being contacted. Lionel Wright from the Papakōlea Community Association continues to be non-responsive. However, Macy Hina Kamauʻu, past commissioner from the Papakōlea Community Association, encouraged Bev to keep their commission seat open for replacement.

VIII. **Finance Committee** – A vote on the formation of an Investigative Committee was tabled.

IX. **Future Planning** – A vote was held to form an Investigative Committee for the 150th Anniversary of the King Kamehameha Celebration to be held in June 2022. This committee will allow two or more Commissioners to meet to develop celebration plans without violating Sunshine Law. Everyone but the visitors can vote on this and it was approved. Please email Amy if you would like to join the committee and indicate how you plan to contribute. Kainoa will be the committee chair.

X. **Public Testimony** – Two persons from the public, who did not identify themselves by video, attended our Zoom meeting but no testimony was provided. Both were asked to provide their contact information via the Zoom chat feature but didn’t comply.

XI. **Miscellaneous**

i. A vote was taken to form an Investigative Committee and the creation of a Financial Committee to oversee fundraising was tabled until the next meeting. Kainoa had a phone conference with the state archivist, Adam Jensen, of the Hawaii State Archives, who is seeking help to update the State archives. Please email Amy if you wish to be a volunteer. We will soon be adding a tab on our Facebook with the necessary volunteer information, once it’s compiled and digitized. Email Amy if you are interested and she will formulate a schedule.

ii. We are looking to have the commissioners submit a report (a report template was already distributed to everyone by Amy) in order to keep the flow of communication fluid. Please review the report form and share with Amy your thoughts about it. The form is projected to be adopted moving forward.

iii. Clint Kalaolaʻs cousin paints murals throughout the island archipelago and he would like to create a keiki-friendly coloring sheet that features the statue, pāʻū riders and King Kamehameha. This will be provided free for download and added to our Facebook. We will forward a link to everyone and feel free to share it with others. Clint’s cousin is also creating a coloring book that would feature an authentic Hawaiian word search.

XII. **Upcoming meeting** – Tuesday, July 14, 2020

XIII. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm