King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions the meeting took place via Zoom.

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu), Kēhau Peʻa (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Puakeʻala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Moaniʻeʻala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawaiʻi), Lyah Kama-Drake, (Island of Kauaʻi), Gerry Miyamoto (Daughters of Hawaiʻi), Kimo Alama Keaulana (Kapahulu Music Club), Ian Custino (Hale ‘O Nā Aliʻi), Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association). Not present: Lionel Wright (Papakōlea Community Association), Heli Silva (Island of Molokaʻi), Vacant (Island of Lānaʻi), Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association) and (CNHA representative). Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola, Tidal Wave Productions (Volunteer Parade Vice-Chair/Hoʻolauleʻa Chair) and Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair).

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

II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)** -- December Meeting Minutes were approved with edits.

III. **Executive Director’s Report** -- Performed the regularly required DAG's administrative duties and tasks, attended DAG's Department Head Meeting and furlough plan meeting, prepared testimony for Legislative Finance Committee Hearings, participated in practice session and provided testimony for House and Senate Financial Committee Hearings, drafted preliminary changes for Roles and Responsibilities document, researched and followed up on potential alternative fiscal sponsors, met with Executive Committee to review and discuss fiscal sponsor agreement, created meeting agenda, updated meeting minutes and posted to DAGS website, attended DAGS HIP and Tidbit training sessions, prepared impact statements for potential government shutdown plan of operation, prepared impact statements and budgets for FY2021-2024, prepared and submitted A19 quarterly
allotment report, met with KGMB regarding marketing opportunity, coresponded with Foundation for Culture and the Arts regarding grant funding award notification, provided Office of Information practices UPIA report, secured Zoom link via multiple meetings with IT department, reviewed and organized old KKCC office files.

IV. **Marketing and Communications**  -- Amy met with KGMB to discuss a proposal to film and air (5-6) 2-3 minute segments featuring various elements related to the King Kamehameha Celebrations statewide. In addition, we would do a marketing takeover of the social media and website the week leading up to lei draping including in-studio interviews.

V. **KKCC Business**

a. **Executive Committee Report**  -- Met with Kanu Hawai‘i to review and consider partnering with them to be our fiscal sponsor to date their participation has been confirmed. They were selected based on their hard work and mission in the community, which aligns with our goals. We appreciate the hard work but there priorities have changed Kainoa advised that CNHA we will no longer be our fiscal sponsor as both their staffing and priorities have changed thanking them for their hard work.

b. **Financial Update (CNHA)**  -- Since there were no transactions this month the current balance is the same as last month, $13,890.58.

i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

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

a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report

b. ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report

c. Hale O Nā Ali‘i (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.

e. Daughters of Hawai‘i (Gerry Miyamoto) -- There was a blessing to kick off the renovation of the Edinburgh Room in the Queen Emma Summer Palace. She noted this will be a $600,000 renovation as the room is sinking since the house was built in 1848. A virtual annual meeting is planned for next month with the leadership.

f. Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- During the virtual AHCC online convention officers were elected including: During the virtual AHCC online convention, the association’s executive committee officers were elected: Hailama Farden – Pelekikena (President), Dreana Kalili – Hope Pelekikena Mua (1st Vice President), Roth Puahala – Hope Pelekikena ‘Elua (2nd Vice President), Pu‘ukū (Treasurer) – Makana Paris.

g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Kauhi Ahana) -- Nothing to report.

h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Please remember Candice Lee and her family in your prayers, as she is ill. She is a huge advocate and past chair and founder of the Kapahulu Music Club and a big part of the King Kamehameha Day celebrations in the past.

i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant)

j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant)

VII. **Hawai‘i Island Report** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

VIII. **Maui Report** (Moani keʻala Whittle-Wagner) -- We will resume meeting on the fourth Wednesday of every month going back to that schedule on the 27 of January.
IX. **Kaua‘i Report** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.

X. **Moloka‘i Report** (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report, however, Heli asked to please keep Moloka‘i in your thoughts as they are working to keep ‘Ohana Airlines by Hawaiian operational to and from Moloka‘i. She is unable to attend the meeting this evening as she will be attending a rally at the airport.

XI. **Lāna‘i Report** (Vacant)

XII. **O‘ahu Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.

XIII. **Commission Reports**
   a. **Legislative** (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Nothing to report.
   b. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- There was some activity at the statue in Hilo: planting a garden and staging a protest. We have received a $50,000 grant from The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and are awaiting the paperwork. We are working with them to review the wording because it is specifically meant for the three local statues, however, it also included the statue in Washington, D.C. We will be meeting with them to get some additional clarification on its terms and conditions.
   c. **Retention** (Vacant) -- Kainoa advised Gerry has indicated that she would like to step down as Retention Chair leaving the seat vacant. If there is anyone who is interested in volunteering please let us know. Beverly spoke with Kilauea Wilson, current President of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association regarding the vacant commission seat for the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association. Kilauea had originally offered there past commissioner Kamakana Aquino as a replacement. In speaking with Kamakana Aquino, Beverly advised that he is not interested. Beverly advised Kilauea of the conversation with Kamakana, and suggested he apply for the seat. Kilauea requested Zoom meeting information and mentioned that he would like to attend the scheduled commission meeting. Regarding Papakōlea Hawaiian Homestead, Beverly spoke with Lilia Kapuniai, with the Papakōleo Community Association. She advised that their current Commissioner, Lionel, recently lost his mother, with him as her primary caregiver, and so she has been giving him time to grieve. Lilia was advised that Lionel has not attended any commission meetings and there has been no response to our communication. Lilia advised that Papakōlea Homestead wants to continue their presence and supports Lionel as their commissioner. The Papakōlea Association volunteered to be the conduit to Lionel and the commission.
   d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report, however Kimo inquired if anyone was familiar with the ‘Ulu‘ulu: The Henry Ku‘ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai‘i at West O‘ahu as it is a repository of moving pictures. He wanted to see if they have anything deposited there in connection with the festivities. Kimo to follow up to see what they may have in their possession.
   a. **Oahu Parade and Pā‘ū Units** (Clint Kalaola and Beverly Lee) -- The committee is planning to meet soon and discuss the potential options, however, given the status of the vaccines and timeline associated with herd immunity it is unlikely possible to hold mass gatherings such as the parade. Regarding the pā‘ū units, Bev is still reaching out to the riders and the ranches.
XIV. **(2022) 150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** -- Nothing major to report other than the process to secure museums is still in progress.

XV. **Public Testimony** -- None

XVI. **Miscellaneous**
   
   a. We may explore the possibility of merchandising items such as masks for the 2021 celebration.

XVII. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XVIII. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.