King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 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 Ka‘ahumanu), Puake‘ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i), Lyah Kama-Drake, (Island of Kaua‘i), Gerry Miyamoto (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Kimo Alama Keaulana (Kapahulu Music Club), Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Lilia Kupuni‘aii (Papakōlea Community Association). Not present: Ian Custino (Hale ‘O Nā Ali‘i), Heli Silva (Island of Moloka‘i), Kēhau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Vacant (Island of Lāna‘i), Kīlauea Wilson, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association). Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule’a Chair) and Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Kehaulani Keana aina, (Daughters of Hawai‘i) and Keone Kealoha, (Kanu Hawai‘i).

I. Call to Order -- Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established. Kainoa recognized today, February 9, the birthdays of two ali‘i, Alexander Liholiho - born in 1834, grandson of Kamehameha ‘Ekahi and brother to Lot Kapūaiwa, who declared the King Kamehameha Day a holiday almost 150 years. Ruth Ke‘elikōlani - born in 1826, great granddaughter of Kamehameha ‘Ekahi.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s) -- January Meeting Minutes were approved.

III. Executive Director’s Report -- Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks, revised Roles and Responsibilities document, created meeting agenda, updated meeting minutes and posted to DAGS website, attended Pā‘ū Zoom Meeting, met with Foundation for Culture and the Arts regarding grant funding award notification details and generating agreement, completed Quarterly eRevenu Report and updates.
IV. **Marketing and Communications** -- Confirmed with KGMB their proposal to film and air (5-6) 2-3 minute segments featuring various elements related to the King Kamehameha Celebrations statewide. In addition, we will have a marketing take over of the social media and website the week leading up to lei draping including five in-studio interviews. Amy provided some suggested vignette formats and themes and there was discussion of what should the call to action be such as focus on education, i.e. Such as what are you doing to honor King Kamehameha this year? We hope to begin filming in March. Please forward any suggestions that you may have to Amy no later than Friday. Some topics discussed would be to focus on who Kamehameha was and is, the anniversary of the homestead act, float making, the return of the islands to the previous self sufficiency of the Hawaiian community such as growing our own food and the relavance of Prince Kuhio.

   a. **Original Segment Concepts Presented to HNN:**
      i. Review of Hawai`i Island relevance, i.e. birthplace of -- Hilo, Kohala, Kona -- Lei draping and parades
      ii. O`ahu -- Lei Draping and statue history (lost at sea) -- (Plumeria Farm footage, stringing and historical ceremonies that have taken place for over a century)
      iii. Maui/Kaua`i/Moloka`i -- Review of each islands festivities
      iv. Pā`ū from cultural practices collecting flowers to demonstration of wrapping
      v. History of Celebration showcasing motion video and photography with segway to Parade
      vi. Brief History of King Kamehameha I from birth to death - legend of the star denoting his birth, being hidden, his training, maturity, battles and conquests, his life and interface with Capt. Cook and death and remaining artifacts such as documents from archives, a sample of feather cape he would have worn.

   b. **Suggested in-studio segments could include the following:**
      i. Kainoa Daines -- Interview with overall on King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and statewide events
      ii. Pā`ū - Beverly Lee -- Interview regarding commitment, training, responsibility
      iii. Pā`ū Queen Interview with Princesses
      iv. Kapuna of past celebrations
      v. Float building

V. **KKCC Business**

   a. **Executive Committee Report** -- Confirmed Kanu Hawai`i agreement to be our fiscal sponsor.

   b. **Financial Update** (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai`i) -- There were no transactions this month the current balance is the same as last month, $13,890.58. Keone set up a Google drive to provide information for the American Savings Account with real time viewing access provided to Kainoa.
      i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

VI. **Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives**
a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- The annual convention will take place in October and is being held part virtual and partly socially distanced.

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) -- Introduced Manu Powers and Kehaulani Keana‘aina from Daughters of Hawai‘i. Kehaulani Keana‘aina will be replacing Gerry when she retires from the commission at the end of June 2021. Their annual meeting is taking place in a few weeks and will be conducted virtually.

f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- AHCC celebrates this month as mahina ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, Hawaiian language month, with daily newsletters that showcase Hawaiian phrases, interesting facts, resources, etc. For those interested to be informed about upcoming ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i events this month, check out: www.mahinaolelohawaii.org.

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

h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.

i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Klauea Wilson) -- Nothing to report.

j. Papakōlea Community Association (Lilia Kupuni‘ai) -- Lilia introduced herself and advised that she was happy to represent the organization. Nothing to report.

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

VIII. Maui Report (Moani‘e‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani‘e‘ala held a meeting with the Pā‘ū units this past month which was attended by Maui pā‘ū riders, KKCC representatives including Kainoa, Kimo, Kēhau, Beverly, Heli and Amy as well as Maui County officials. The meeting was requested by one of the riders who were under the false impression that there were funds available. In addition, she and Daryl have been working on a back up plan due to COVID. One of her goals is to bring the horse and pā‘ū communities together. Due to the parade on the streets being canceled for 2021, they are working on a virtual video with page and princess representation that will be filmed on April 17 with video to air June 12 on Maui. The pā‘ū riders will have until the end of the month to determine if they plan to commit. If they do not commit for 2021, their island will be held for 2022 and someone else will ride their island for 2021. Same for the Pā‘ū Queen and Marshall. For the 2021 virtual video they will be riding an Equestrian pattern that was used historically and lei will be on display prior to mounting. The filming will take place at Ka Ono Ulu Ranch Oskie Rice Arena property which is currently sanctioned by Maui Mayor to be a public venue. She is also exploring the possibility of doing a virtual collaboration on pā‘ū wrapping demonstrations to help to perpetuate pā‘ū wrapping and wrappers. Manu noted that the Kona parade is also planning to do the same with regard to the moving their pā‘ū riders rooster forward so the court doesn’t have to remain for three years.

IX. Kaua‘i Report (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Nothing to report.

X. Moloka‘i Report (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.
XI. **Lāna`i Report** (Vacant)

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

XIII. **Commission Reports**

a. **Legislative** (Kēhau Pe`a) -- Kēhau provided a report in her absence which was presented by Kainoa advising that e-mails have been received lately concerning upcoming measures that do not directly relate to KKCC, but relate to Hawaiian issues. Kēhau can forward you the e-mails of those measures should you wish to be informed. If you submit testimony you are reporting on behalf of the organization that you represent rather than for KKCC. Kainoa also noted that Kēhau would like to step down as Legislative Chair and replace Gerry as the Retention Chair.

b. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- We are hopeful that soon Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association will sign over the Hilo statue by gifting it to the statue to the state.

c. **Retention** (Vacant) -- Gerry will be stepping down as the Retention Chair and Kēhau would like to be the replace her. If anyone else is interested please advise. The question was brought up if you must be on the commission to serve on one of the committees and it was suggested that it is not a requirement. Amy advised that she spoke with Lionel who reported he does not plan to continue with the commission. Kainoa recognized his efforts and thanked him for his efforts. Lilia Kupuni`ai will be replacing Lionel. Beverly advised that she was contacted by Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association and spoke with Kīlauea Wilson regarding the commission who received a meeting invitation for this evenings meeting. He indicated that he was interested in joining the commission. We are awaiting information on a candidate from Lāna`i and hope to have that position filled soon. Kimo mentioned that he has a suggested candidate who coordinates the Pineapple Festival and will forward the contact information. Desiree advised that she has renewed her application for the commission for another term.

d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.

e. **Oahu Parade and Pā`ū Units** (Clint Kalaola, O`ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Clint reported he is working on some hybrid activity ideas for Ho`olaule`a but has nothing to firm to report. Regarding the Pā`ū Units Beverly has asked those who wish to participate in the video segments to let her know.

f. **150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** -- Dec. 22, 1871 the holiday was declared and in 1872 the holiday was celebrated for the first time. Nothing major to report other than the process to secure museums is still in progress.

XIV. **Public Testimony** -- None

XV. **Miscellaneous** -- Nothing to report

XVI. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XVII. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.