King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date:   Tuesday, March 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), Moanikeʻala 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), Vacant (Papakōlea Community Association), Heli Silva (Island of Molokaʻi) and Kēhau Peʻa (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs). Also in attendance: Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair) and Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawaiʻi). Not present: Puakeʻala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), Louise Alina (ʻAhahui Kaʻahumanu), Ian Custino (Hale O Nā Aliʻi), Vacant (Island of Lānaʻi), Kehaulani Keanaʻaina, (Daughters of Hawaiʻi), Clint Kalaola, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Hoʻolauleʻa Chair) and Keone Kealoha, (Kanu Hawaiʻi).

I. Call to Order -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kainoa Daines, Chair. Quorum was established.

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

III. Executive Director’s Report -- Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks, distrubuted and revised the Roles and Responsibilities document, and encouraged the commissioners to forward their comments and suggestions to her. Created meeting agenda, updated meeting minutes and posted to DAGS website, attended pāʻū Zoom meeting, revised Foundation for Culture and the Arts grant funding award agreement and are awaiting funding, followed-up on Fiscal Sponsorship transfer, completed Quarterly e-Revenue Report and updates, completed Custodial and Grounds Surveys. For future meetings we might have neighbor island commissioners confirm with Amy at least 10 days in advance if they plan to host a meeting site as this must be included in our meeting agenda. The
meeting agendas are posted at least 7 days prior to allow for public notice, testimony and ADA compliance. Commissioners would not be allowed to vote but this would allow them and the public to attend and participate via Zoom.

IV. **Marketing and Communications** -- Vignettes will be updated this coming week so if you have anything more to include, please submit no later than tomorrow. We will begin scheduling with HNN to record (6) 2-3 minute segments to air in early June.

V. **KKCC Business**
   a. **Executive Committee Report** -- Nothing to report.
   b. **Financial Update** (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai`i) -- Amy reported on behalf of Keone that there were no transactions this month, therefore, the current balance is the same: $13,890.58. She worked with CNHA to complete transfer of fiscal sponsor from CNHA to Kanu Hawai`i. Neighbor Island Commissioners are encouraged to forward their requests for funding and we will work to assist.
      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) -- Annual meeting took place last week and Manu Powers was named the new Regent.
   f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pē’a) -- Kēhau shared the flyer from Lei Ali‘i about Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole. Kainoa shared information about the Lei Ali‘i program which has been established in an effort to promote Hawaiian events.
   g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Kauhi Ahana) -- Nothing to report.
   h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo reported that he contacted Eunica Escalante who reached out to KKCC for information from him and Beverly regarding interviewing them for Article on Wahine Holo Lio and Pā‘ū Rider Culture. He shared with her information about pā‘ū and the role that the King Kamehameha celebrations play in keeping the art of pā‘ū alive. The publication is distributed through the Halekulani Hotel among other locations.
      i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Lilia Kapuni’ai reported they will be hosting a workshop on March 27 about Prince Kūhiō with more information to come shortly.

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

VIII. **Maui Report** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moanike‘ala reported that Maui will be doing a virtual parade like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. On March 27, 11am - 1pm they will meet for practice wrap and ride with all of the Princesses and Pages. Then on April 11, they will meet at 11am - 1pm at Oskie Rice for a filming practice of the pattern and parade. Filming will be on May 2, 6 am – 1 pm with Page and Princess lei, wrapped and ride parade pattern.
IX. There will be a lei making workshop and Queen interviews. We will coordinate schedules to film the HNN vignettes. She advised that this year one of the volunteers who has been wrapping for the past 30 years would be riding as the Queen. They have invited Kimo to wrap for the May 2 filming and opened up to other volunteers, of which Manu Powers agreed. The participants riding this year are experienced and have their own horses. At the last meeting, the units were given the decision if they wished to ride this year it would not officially count. The positions will not roll over to 2022. 2020 Units have until August 2021 to commit for 2022 parade. For 2022 Kainoa has requested that all parades on all islands take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 because it is the 150th Anniversary of the holiday.

X. Kaua'i Report (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- They are working on a variety of things on Kaua‘i such as putting together a mini parade, but horse rental is very costly: $500 per horse. The Kaua‘i Museum will be doing a lei draping presentation on June 11 and have a new exhibit center that will host a pā‘ū exhibit, the first in the new exhibit center. They will also be doing a lei draping of a portrait of King Kamehameha I by invitation. Exhibit to run the month of June.

XI. Moloka‘i Report (Heli Silva) -- Nothing to report.

XII. Lāna‘i Report (Vacant)

XIII. O‘ahu Report (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing new to report.

XIV. Commission Reports

a. Legislative (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Kainoa noted that Kēhau would like to step down as the Legislative Chair and replace Gerry as the Retention Chair. In the meantime if we don't have a replacement we will work together collectively to cover legislative matters. Amy reported that she had provided legislative comment last week regarding a bill that may limit state employees from participating as commissioners.

b. Statuary (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

c. Retention (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Gerry will be stepping down as the retention chair and Kēhau will be replacing her. We are awaiting information on a candidate from Lāna‘i per Kimo and hope to have that position filled soon. Kainoa noted he was contacted by Senator Taniguchi’s office that he and a total of 4 other commissioners will be confirmed this Friday during a legislative hearing.

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 is looking to do a drive-in Ho‘olaule‘a celebration event with movie, entertainment, food and crafters at Aloha Stadium. We are awaiting final confirmation from Aloha Stadium if the location is available on June 11. Regarding the Pā‘ū Units, Beverly reported that they will not be doing anything this year. The units decided they would prefer to continue to fundraise and ride with their full units next year. She noted one unit is paying $1,000 per horse for their unit and Gunstock horses are about $800 not including the practice sessions.

f. 150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee -- There are approximately 15 museums who have agreed to participate with all islands represented. Kainoa is working on additional activities and will provide an update at the next meeting.

XV. Public Testimony -- None
XVI. *Miscellaneous* -- Nothing to report.

XVII. *Upcoming meeting* -- Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XVIII. *Adjourn* -- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.