King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 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: Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner (Island of Maui), Lyah Kama-Drake, (Island of Kaua‘i), Kimo Alama Keaulana (Kapahulu Music Club), and Kēhau Pe‘a (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Kauhi Ahana (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), Vacant (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), Louise Alina (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), Ian Custino (Hale 0 Nā Ali‘i), Kehaulani Keana‘aina, (Daughters of Hawai‘i). Not present: Kainoa Daines (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Puake‘ala Mann (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), Heli Silva (Island of Moloka‘i), Vacant (Papakōlea Community Association), Desiree Moana Cruz (Island of Hawai‘i), Manu Powers, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), Beverly Lee, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), Vacant (Island of Lāna‘i). Also in attendance: Clint Kalaola, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair), Kaena Kirkland on behalf of Beverly Lee and Keone Kealoha, (Kanu Hawai‘i).

I. Call to Order -- Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Ian Custino, Vice Chair. Quorum was not established.

II. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s) -- March Meeting Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

III. Executive Director’s Report -- Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks. Amy Hammond reported that the KKCC Department may be transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts which may be a positive for the commission. We are working with each island to finalize the plans for each vignette to be filmed in the next few weeks to be aired from June 5 – 11 on Hawaii News Now.

IV. Marketing and Communications -- Nothing to report.

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 remains the same at $13,890.58.

   i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report. Our long-term strategy is still in the air

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

   a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
   b. ‘Ahahui Kaʻahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
   c. Hale O Nā Aliʻi (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
   d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puakeʻala Mann) -- Nothing to report.
   e. Daughters of Hawaiʻi (Kehaulani Keanaʻaina) -- Kehaulani expressed how supportive everyone is for the vignettes and would love to provide either of the Palaces as potential filming locations.
   f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Peʻa) -- Kēhau shared that there is an upcoming AHCC Board meeting this coming Saturday. She noted that she shared with the AHCC that the KKCC events would be virtual and in vignette format rather than in the normal format this year.
   g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Kauhi Ahana) -- Nothing to report. The Lei Aliʻi - CNHA, OHA, Native Hawaiian Chamber, DHH, KKCC intention is to string a lei to create sustainable funding and human resources to support these events from year to year. Looking to create continual engagement around these events. Package the events as a marketing vehicle for the visitor industry and kamaʻaina. They hosted a forum presented the Association will not be supporting the OHA Trustees at this point. He will provide additional information if it is available.
   h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
   i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
   j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

**VII. Hawaiʻi Island Report** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Kehaulani Keanaʻaina reported that Desiree Moana Cruz and Manu Powers have been in discussions and the parade committee meets each month in Kona. She noted that they would be doing a Pāʻū Workshop this year. Parade committee in Kona is still going strong and we plan to feature both statues for the vignette.

**VIII. Maui Report** (Moaniʻkea Whittle-Wagner) -- Moaniʻkea reported on March 27 there was a horse pattern workshop which the Princess and Pages attended: some were wrapped for the first time. The horse pattern was introduced and everything went well. This past Sunday all Page and Princesses, Pāʻū Marshal and Queen practiced the pattern for filming. At this time, the 5/2/21 filming is not open to the public but the venue has been designated by the Mayor with established social distancing and are awaiting to see if there may be approval for public to attend. The Maui video will be released on June 19. The virtual parade will be like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade with commentary. The current plan is for Kimo to travel to Maui to wrap. We need to get a decision if this travel can be reimbursed.

**IX. Kauaʻi Report** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- The Kauaʻi Museum will be doing a portrait lei draping presentation on June 11 and have a new Pāʻū exhibit to run the month of
June. April 5 was the first Kaua‘i Committee meeting and they are excited for the pāʻū vignette. There will not be a parade.

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** (Manu Powers) -- Amy reported that she submitted testimony on behalf of KKCC in opposition of HB 862, HD2, SD2 Proposed which was seeking to eliminate HTA’s key functions. This request for support in opposition was shared with commissioners of which several submitted. This bill may have been intended to streamline government but it seemed to target various elements of the Hawaiian culture. This bill essentially removes HTA’s non-marketing/branding activities. We need to keep a close eye on this bill.

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

c. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe‘a) -- Kēhau is currently updating the information on the retention. Kīlauea Wilson joined us for the meeting and will be submitting his application tomorrow. Kēhau noted that she will be updating the information retention to remind everyone as their term gets close to the end so they can prepare the future potential commissioner such as how Gerry Miyamoto did which was a great example of how to transition. Kehaulani Keana‘aina noted she would be happy to also serve on this committee.

d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo reported that he researched at ‘Ulu‘ulu: The Henry Ku‘ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai‘i at West O‘ahu moving pictures repository and they have nothing on the King Kamehameha Celebrations.

e. **Oahu Parade and Pā‘ū Units** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Clint reported the committee 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. If Aloha Stadium is not available they are considering using an area in Kalaeloa. Regarding the Pāʻū Units, there was nothing to report.

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.

XIV. **Public Testimony** -- None

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

XVI. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

XVII. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.