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KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION  
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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 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), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Kauhi Ahana** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina**, (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka'i) and **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i).

Also in attendance: **Clint Kalaola**, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Beverly Lee**, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Manu Powers**, (Daughters of Hawai'i) and **Lilia Kapuni'ai**.

Not present: **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Vacant** (Island of Lāna'i) and **Vacant** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Keone Kealoha**, (Kanu Hawai'i)

- 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)** -- March Meeting Minutes were approved and April Meeting Minutes with amendments.
- III. **Executive Director's Report** -- Performed regularly required DAG's administrative duties and tasks. Amy Hammond reported that the KKCC Department was transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; however, we don't know what the impact will be yet. Amy has working with each island to finalize the plans for vignette to be edited and or filmed in the next few weeks, airing from June 5 – 11 on Hawaii

News Now. Met with the planning committee regarding the redevelopment of the Annex who advised the project is at least five years out and promised to provide replacement space for any displacement. Worked on general sponsorship and HTA grant proposal, created Lei Draping Plan and attended planning meetings, attended pā'ū meeting, researched images at the Hawai'i State Archives for vignettes.

IV. **Marketing and Communications** -- Nothing to report.

V. **KKCC Business**

- a. **Executive Committee Report** -- We will be scheduling a meeting with the Comptroller and SFCA to discuss the impact of the department transfer. We are hopeful that this may be a good thing as it could potentially provide much needed administrative support.
- 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) -- Ian reported that sponsorship proposals have gone out and received good initial interest including The Festival Companies and others. We submitted a grant proposal to HTA requesting \$30,000. We are hopeful Kamehameha Schools will match it. We received confirmation for a \$50,000 grant from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, specifically for Lei Draping, and are awaiting receipt of funds. We will likely meet our needs for this year with some left over for 2022. The Commission generally finds funding for marketing statewide. Kona, Kohala and Maui normally work with directly with HTA for funding. O'ahu, Kaua'i, Moloka'i and Hilo have been the recipients of the majority of fundraising with Kohala as needed. Previously we had talks with HTA to provide KKCC with \$250,000 to cover all counties but that may not be an option given the new HTA structure as it relates to cultural activities as it has also been moved to the SFCA. It may make sense to leave the volunteers and non-profits currently managing events and fundraising to continue to do so until we can sort out the new department structure. We may also want to discuss the possibility of a Friends of KKCC to assist in our efforts and see changes to the statutes if needed.

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

- a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported that the Royal Order has not yet made a final determination if they will hold a torch lighting ceremony on evening of June 10. Normally they gather at the statue to reaffirm their fieltly to King Kamehameha as well as Kalaniani'ole.
- b. 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Kainoa reported on behalf of Louise that he and Amy had all met for lunch this past week to finalize plans. Lei Draping Ceremony plans are in place and may they set up the lei sewing at the Ka'ahumanu Cemetery in Kalihi if necessary because of COVID restrictions. They are awaiting the response from Kainoa's meeting next week with the Governor to see what restrictions may be waived, if any.
- c. Hale O Nā Ali'i (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake'ala Mann) -- Puake'ala shared a letter dated May 4 that had been sent to KKCC regarding

plans to hold their ceremony on Friday, June 11 from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Their members have been encouraged individually to string and present lei, but they do not attend the Lei Draping as an organization.

- e. Daughters of Hawai'i (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Manu reported on behalf of Kēhaulani that Kona intends to hold a Ho'olaule'a at the Huihe'e Palace in honor of Kamehameha Day which will fulfill their OHA grant requirements. The event will be held on June 12 with the time to be determined. This will be a small gathering to reach out to the community and invite them back featuring an open house including community resource booths and hand selected vendors. They have already applied to the State for an exemption for gatherings and will provide Kainoa with a brief description of the plans so he can submit to the Governor along with our other requests for exception.
- f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau shared that there are inquires regarding the status of Lei Draping and was advised once we finalize the plan the information will be provided and posted on our website.
- g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Kauhi Ahana) -- Kauhi noted he also had inquires regarding the status of Lei Draping and will advise KSAA once we finalize the plan. He reported with a heavy heart he would not be seeking the re-election for Second VP with KSAA due to personal reasons. Since the KSAA position is tied to the seat for KKCC he will be stepping down at the end of June. He plans to work toward getting a replacement up to speed but hopes to volunteer in the future. Amy will send him information regarding the KKCC seat for him to share with his successor. He hopes to volunteer in the future. Kainoa reminded everyone that you don't have to be a Commissioner to volunteer and participate.
- h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo reported he had a great time on Maui for the May 2 filming and thanked Moani for all her effort. Burton White messaged Kimo and advised that he is happy to help if we need assistance.
- i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- *Nothing to report.*
- j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Lilia Kapuni'ai reported that she is still willing to represent the organization by attend the meetings, taking notes and passing along information. Although she is not a member, she informed the Papakōlea Community Association in order for her to be approved as a commissioner to officially represent them they will need to get current with the Hawai'i Compliance Express through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. She advised they are aware of the situation and requirement for the KKCC seat. They have indicated they very much want too be an active part of the organization and will provide assistance for the Lei Draping Ceremony. Lilia requested additional details including number of people to assist, timing, attire, etc.

VII. ***Hawai'i Island Report*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree Moana Cruz reported that a Lei Draping Ceremony is being tentatively planned for both Hilo on June 10 in the afternoon and Kohala on June 11 at 5 a.m. with both to be conducted as private ceremonies. No Ho'olaule'a is planned at Moku Ola. She also reported that the Hawai'i Island Vignette will feature the birthplace of King Kamehameha I in Kohala; where his first government was established in Hilo; and where he spent his last days in Kona.

- VIII. **Maui Report** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moanike'ala reported the virtual Maui parade will be shown on the MKCCPPH Facebook page at 10 a.m. on June 19 followed at noon by the Ho'olaule'a. On May 2 they filmed the pā'ū segment which went well and she thanked Kimo who came from O'ahu to wrap. Moani noted she and her crew gathered flowers and made lei at her hale. It was a great opportunity to collaborate with people from many backgrounds. Daryl is forwarding HNN video for the vignette. She thanked the entire Commission for continuing to plan and honor Kamehameha.
- IX. **Kaua'i Report** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- Lyah advised The Kaua'i Museum will be doing a portrait lei draping presentation to be filmed on May 19 in conjunction with the vignette filming. The vignette will also feature a Kaua'i pā'ū exhibit.
- X. **Moloka'i Report** (Heli Silva) -- Heli explain they got things started when Daryl called and asked her to do a music video in conjunction with the one-hour video presentation planned utilizing the Maui grant. Everything went well at the filming with the footage to be shared with HNN to create the vignette. The video represented the four islands of Maui Nui featured a page, a princess and included a Royal Court. The video will be shown on June 11 on Akakū. They had posted a segment early on Facebook for the Maui News reaching 4,500 views but they removed it to embargo for use in the other videos. Molokai will also be having the first annual Kamehameha Day Rodeo with the Roping Club on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12 at Moloka'i Ranch noon - 6 p.m. each day. Kūhio brought the first cattle to Hawai'i and her family was all ranchers and cowboys. There are six Kalaniana'ole Cattle Drivers left who they plan to honor along with Kamehameha and Kalaniana'ole. She is working with the Mayor's office regarding and COVID related restrictions. Moani noted that the rodeos have continued to happen on Maui. Kainoa wanted to touch bases with Heli off line to discuss but just wanted to be mindful of the restrictions.
- XI. **Lāna'i Report** (Vacant) — Daryl is on Lāna'i filming to include something in the Maui grant video.
- XII. **O'ahu Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Lei Draping Protocol was reviewed including materials to be used. Our event is modeled after the 2021 Kūhio Day celebration. We plan to have invited guests RSVP for 20-minute time slots for the drive-through lei drop-off. The deadline to RSVP will be Monday, June 7 if they want to get out to offer the lei with protocol and oil they can do so during that time slot. We will have the men from Papakōlea Community Association use poles to drape the lei from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lei from guests will be placed on the statue arm holding the spear and the plumeria lei will be placed on the outstretched arm with any lei coming after to be determined. The Mayor and Governor will be invited along with the Commission organizations based on a first come first serve basis for available time slots. We will have a rehearsal to practice with the poles. Ideally when people exit their car they will be escorted to the mound for draping and return to their vehicle. We will distribute the draft protocol with responses requested by end of Monday for any revisions.
- XIII. **Commission Reports**
- a. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
  - b. **Statuary** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
  - c. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau thanked Kainoa and Desiree for completing their process to remain on the Commission. She noted that the terms for Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, Papakōlea Community Association and Hale o Nā Ali'i Commission seats will expire next year and will need to

apply via the following link <https://forms.ehawaii.gov/pages/board-survey/form.php> and provide a letter from the organization they represent to renew their seat.

- 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 the committee is looking to do a Drive-in Ho'olaule'a Celebration at the Kapolei Events Center on June 11 from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. and June 12 from 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. The event would feature a movie, entertainment, food and crafters. He is awaiting final confirmation from sponsors to determine if the event can be held. If minimum funding were received it would just take place on one day rather than two days as originally planned. If the funding is not received we will cancel the event for this year. Regarding the Pā'ū Units, Beverly reported that she met with the O'ahu Queen and Princesses who are planning to focus their energy on the 2022 event and related fundraising. She noted that the units would support whatever we decide to do for Lei Draping. Heli thanked Beverly for her support with the Moloka'i pā'ū filming as she provided pā'ū outfits
  - f. **150<sup>th</sup> Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee** -- Nothing to report.
- XIV. **Public Testimony** -- None
  - XV. **Miscellaneous** -- Nothing to report.
  - XVI. **Upcoming meeting** -- Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
  - XVII. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.