

Chapter 20 Riverfront Redevelopment Committee

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Sec. 20-101 Preamble

WHEREAS, riverfront redevelopment has been listed as a priority in the 2014-2024 City of Caribou Comprehensive Plan and outlined prominently in the 2004 Caribou Recreational Trails Study; and

WHEREAS, the riverfront was once a thriving area of our community; and

WHEREAS, the riverfront has become a neglected, underused and forgotten asset of the City; and

WHEREAS, the members of the current Riverfront Development Committee now believe that its base of support and its activities must be moved into the “community as a whole” for greater participation and effectiveness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARIBOU MAINE HEREBY establishes the “Caribou Riverfront Redevelopment Committee (CRRC)”, whose purpose is to utilize planning tools to identify and prioritize riverfront assets, set goals and ultimately restore interests of renewed commercial, residential and recreational opportunities while celebrating the riverfront as vital part of our community.

Sec. 20-102 Appointment and Tenure

IT IS THEREFORE ADOPTED by the Caribou City Council pursuant to Sec. 2.11 of the Caribou City Charter, as follows:

(a.) The Caribou Riverfront Redevelopment Committee (hereinafter, “the Committee”) is hereby designated a formal Committee of the City of Caribou, initially composed of five members of the public, who shall be appointed by the City Council. In addition, the Committee will include five ex-officio members: one member of the City Council, to be appointed by the City Council; up to three members of the City Staff, to be appointed by the City Manager; and the City Manager.

Public members shall be appointed for year-three terms; except however, initial appointments shall be made as follows: two for three-year terms, two for two-year terms and one for a one-year term.

Ex-officio members shall serve indefinitely, at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sec. 20-103 Responsibility

(b.) The City Manager shall be responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Committee; except however, said responsibilities may be delegated to the Committee, as the City Manager deems appropriate.

Sec. 20-104 Bylaws

(c) The Committee shall adopt by-laws providing for the officers, organization and activities of the Committee, including a provision for the appointment by the Committee of an unlimited number of additional members. The Committee's by-laws and any subsequent amendments to the bylaws shall be approved by the City Council.

Sec. 20-105 Compensation Benefits

(d) No member of the Committee, other than employees of the City in other capacities serving ex officio pursuant to section (a) and any persons who may be specifically employed by the City for Committee-related activities, shall receive any compensation for Committee activities, nor shall any person serving on the Committee be deemed an agent or employee of the City, being entitled to any customary employment benefits, specifically including, but not limited to workers' compensation benefits.

Sec. 20-106 Purpose

- (e) The purpose of Caribou Riverfront Redevelopment Committee (CRRC) shall be to:
- Develop the Caribou Riverfront District as an historic, artistic, cultural, and commercial district, a destination not only to attract tourists from outside of our region, but also a place for residents to enjoy and patronize as outlined in Caribou's Comprehensive Plan.
 - Facilitate economic development for Caribou and the region
 - Improve recreational, commercial, entertainment and hospitality opportunities for citizens of Caribou and surrounding communities
 - Attract tourism from outside community

Sec. 20-107 Funding

(f) All grant applications seeking funds in excess of \$2500.00 shall be approved by the City Council, and all funds related to the Committee's activities shall be administered through the City Manager's office.

Sec. 20-108 Reporting Requirements

(h) The Committee shall file an annual report with the City Manager on or before January 31st of each year, covering goals, activities, and accomplishments during the preceding year.

Historical Note: Adopted by City Council 9/20/21, amended 12/11/2023.