RESOLUTION 2007- 30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, RECOGNIZING THE NEED AND APPROPRIATENESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ON THIRD STREET OVER PARADISE CREEK, THE PROTECTION OF THIRD STREET AS A NEIGHBORHOOD COLLECTOR THAT HELPS PRESERVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD VALUES AND CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THE SAFETY CONCERNS FOR PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND DISABLED ACCESS TO THE CORE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND PROPOSING CERTAIN ACTIONS FOR BY THE CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Moscow, Idaho, recognizes that Third Street has been an image of the town we value, with its tree canopy, historic landmark buildings, East City Park and historic residential architecture adjacent to the Fort Russell Neighborhood National Register Historic District; and

WHEREAS in 2005 the City Council authorized the building of a pedestrian bridge across Paradise Creek at Third Street and removed Third Street from designation as an arterial for city planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, Third Street is the best access point for central east/west travel of pedestrians, bicycles and wheelchairs in central Moscow and the construction of an 8-10 foot wide bridge, limited to that traffic will maximize the access across the creek to Mountain View Road; and

WHEREAS context sensitive street design, an engineering approach which generates street designs that meet neighborhood needs as well as community wide needs with the interests of all users and neighborhood conservation in mind, including multiple users beyond cars and trucks, preservation and expansion of street trees, provision of safe and protected sidewalks, and a goal of calm, safe streets; and

WHEREAS inviting more motorized traffic onto Third Street by increasing its traffic burden to that of an arterial would involve unmitigable trade-offs such as destruction of street trees, removal of parking and increasing speed and volume adjacent to an elementary school; and

WHEREAS preserving Third Street as a neighborhood collector encourages walkability for children going to Lena Whitmore School, complements the Safe Routes to Schools grants the City has received, reduces the need for elimination of parking in residential areas and close to community facilities such as East City Park, and reduces conflicts for older and disabled residents using Third Street; and

WHEREAS adjacent neighbors and citizens from all over Moscow have expressed their support for a pedestrian bridge at this site supporting the Council's commitment to the

pedestrian bridge for a neighborhood collector on Third Street rather than a vehicular bridge/arterial in 2005; and
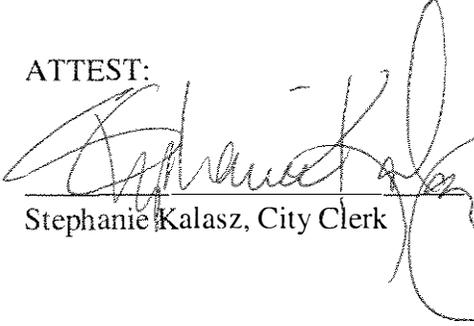
WHEREAS citizens have come forward to assist in the financing of the pedestrian bridge and have sought the direct cooperation of the City of Moscow in this project, to preserve the safety, relative quiet, non-motorized options, parking and historic character and sense of Place Third Street contributes to the entire City;
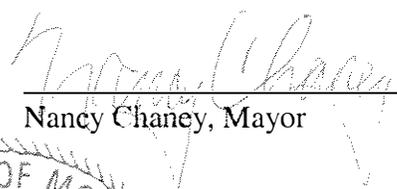
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Moscow endorses the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle/disabled access bridge on Third Street over Paradise Creek at the eastern terminus of the street west of Mountain View Road, with adjacent landscaping and accommodating the Paradise Path and amenities to the extent possible within the City's right of way at the intersection of the Creek and Third Street,
2. Third Street shall remain classified as a neighborhood collector to preserve and enhance the central historic neighborhood of Moscow and conserve the safety and accessibility of schools, East City Park and other public facilities and services located adjacent to Third Street.
3. This resolution will be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, this 3rd day of December 2007.

Nancy Chaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kalasz, City Clerk