

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

April 13, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THOMAS H. WHITE FOUNDATION GRANT FOR
STORYWALK® PROGRAMMING AT THE CARNEGIE WEST BRANCH**

WHEREAS, The Thomas H. White Foundation focuses its grantmaking on organizations located in Cuyahoga County that provide early childhood enrichment, educational success and workforce readiness programs for City of Cleveland residents; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library applied for and received an \$8,100 grant to create a StoryWalk® at the Carnegie West Branch that will enhance and promote early learning for children ages 0-5; and

WHEREAS, StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you are directed to the next page in the story. Conceived as a way to inspire parents, teachers, and other adults to take young children outdoors to enjoy reading stories together, StoryWalk® helps build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both children and their grown-ups; and

RESOLVED That Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. §3375.40(K), hereby accepts a grant for StoryWalk® programming from the Thomas H. White Foundation, in the amount of \$8,100, to be depositing into the Founders Fund Account 203046-46100-10729 (Restricted Gifts) and; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is authorized to enter into and execute such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution, which agreements and instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Library's Director of Legal Affairs.