

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

June 19, 2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAIN LIBRARY CONSOLIDATION PROJECT
PHASE 2: DISCOVERY CENTER FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library determined that the Main Library complex required modifications to respond successfully to changes in library services models and to position itself as a destination experience; and

WHEREAS, At its January 20, 2011 board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the scope of work for the Main Library Consolidation Project to be addressed in multiple phases that included: 1. Tech Central; 2. First floor of Main Library; 3. First floor Louis Stokes Wing; 4. Research Center; and 5. Discovery Center for Families and Children; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1: Tech Central has been successfully completed, and the Library Administration now recommends that the Board of Trustees approve moving forward with the Discovery Center for Families and Children as Phase 2 of the Main Library Consolidation Project. The creation of the Discovery Center for Families and Children furthers the Library's strategic priority of fighting community deficits by providing children in the Library's service district, most of whom are poor, with early learning opportunities that will increase their chances for scholastic success and educational attainment in the future; and

WHEREAS, Bostwick Design Partners delivered a report and presentation to the Board of Trustees at its May 17, 2012 board meeting outlining the proposed stages of work necessary for construction of the Discovery Center for Families and Children. These stages include: a) relocating Business/Economics/Labor; b) moving and creating new meeting rooms; c) relocating the Computer Learning Connection; d) creating the Discovery Center on the second floor of

LSW and relocating Youth Services there; and e) relocating Young Adult/Teen services; and

WHEREAS, The total conceptual project budget for all stages of the Phase 2: Discovery Center for Families and Children is expected to approach \$5 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The first two steps in the process to create the Discovery Center include engaging stakeholders in defining and funding the Discovery Center, and establishing a service model; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Library Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director and his designees to commit the staff and resources necessary to create the Discovery Center for Families and Children as Phase 2 of the Main Library Consolidation Project, including the first two steps of engaging community stakeholders and establishing a service model, and further authorizes him to expend funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 for consultant fees, travel expenses, pre-design services, and other costs associated with these steps, to be charged to Building & Repair Fund Account 40190105-55300-11901.