

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

February 19, 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT C.T. CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EASTMAN READING GARDEN

- WHEREAS, The Eastman Reading Garden has been a fixture of the Main Library since it first opened to the public as an outdoor reading garden on July 8, 1937; and
- WHEREAS, The Eastman Reading Garden underwent a complete re-design during the construction of the Louis Stokes Wing, and was re-dedicated on September 18, 1998; and
- WHEREAS, In preparation for the year-long celebration of the Library's 150th anniversary, the Library Administration desires to make improvements to the Eastman Reading Garden and to restore it to its condition when it reopened in 1998; and
- WHEREAS, The terms and conditions of the Beard Endowment Fund provide that the income "be used to purchase or provide floral and plant decorations for display or as exhibits in any or all of the library buildings". The Library Administration deems this improvement beneficial to the Library's Eastman Reading Garden and the Board of Library Trustees has approved the appropriation measure for the Beard permanent fund (503), which includes this improvement expense; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 153.71, when the estimated cost of professional design services for a particular project will be less than \$50,000, the Cleveland Public Library may select a professional design firm from among the design firms with statements of qualifications on file; and
- WHEREAS, The Library has determined that C.T. Consultants, Inc. ("C.T.") is the most qualified firm among the firms on file to perform landscape architecture services for the Eastman Reading Garden; and
- WHEREAS, C.T. has proposed to work with the Library to prepare plans, locate and evaluate site furnishings, signage, update irrigation, study new lighting designs, and assist with bidding and construction administration for a total cost not-to-exceed \$50,000; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Board of Library Trustees authorize the Fiscal Officer to use Beard Endowment funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, charged to account 50321003-53390 (Landscaping), deemed beneficial to improve the Library's Eastman Reading Garden; and be it
- RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement with C.T. Consultants, Inc., subject to the approval of the Chief Legal Officer, for the landscape architecture services described in C.T.'s proposal, for a total contract price not-to-exceed \$50,000.