

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

February 15, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EXPLORE
OPTIONS FOR COLLABORATING WITH OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH
BROOKLYN BRANCH**

WHEREAS, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (“Old Brooklyn CDC”) is a non-profit community development corporation that focuses on promoting the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, attracting investment to the neighborhood, and improving the quality of life for those Clevelanders who live and work there; and

WHEREAS, Old Brooklyn CDC owns the land and buildings immediately south of and adjacent to the South Brooklyn branch and is in the early stages of planning for the redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, The Library and Old Brooklyn CDC began discussing the CDC’s vision for the future of the property and the various ways that the Library could be involved in May of 2020, but progress with the discussions slowed and eventually halted as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded; and

WHEREAS, Old Brooklyn CDC contacted the Library expressing their renewed interest in exploring redevelopment options for their property that would also include the Library and are requesting the Library’s support and collaboration in exploring these options; and

WHEREAS, The Library requests authority to explore issues relating to a collaboration with Old Brooklyn CDC regarding the redevelopment of Old Brooklyn CDC’s property and potential options for the future of the South Brooklyn branch, which could include, without limitation, a joint venture to redevelop both properties or an architectural collaboration to make meaningful improvements to the community through repairs and renovations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, the Chief Operations Officer, and the Director of Legal Affairs, to explore the issues and options related to collaborating with Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for improvements to or redevelopment of the South Brooklyn branch.