

Attachment C – 02/04/20

TO: Library Board
FROM: David Ruff, Director
RE: Community Room Chair Purchase
DATE: February 4, 2020

Background: The Meeting Room chairs currently in use were purchased in 2002 as part of the Main & Upper Floor Renovation & Recarpeting Project. They have aluminum frames and fabric back and sides. They have given us good use for many programs over seventeen years of service, but increasingly require fabric cleaning to keep them in use.

Savings of approximately \$11,000 from the North Expansion give us the opportunity to begin the replacement of these chairs with chairs that are lighter, more comfortable, require very little maintenance, and are virtually indestructible. Staff recommends gray color, rather than black, because it is less likely to show scratches and wear.

We contacted three suppliers to obtain bids on 80 plastic, stackable, sled-framed chairs. The bids are as follows:

Brodart **\$ 8,009** (80 chairs plus \$619.54 shipping & handling) (model: Maestro)
(warranty: 10 years)(not available in our color; only available in black)

Demco **\$ 6,942** (80 chairs plus \$362.72 shipping & handling) (model:
Cafetorium) (warranty: 10 years)(available in gray)(heaviest and hardest
to stack)

KI **\$ 6,480** (80 chairs, no charge for shipping & handling) (model: Maestro)
(warranty: 15 years)(available in gray)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board accept the KI bid for the bid amount of \$6,480. We have had very good service from KI over several projects spanning 20 years. KI's representative comes immediately to the Library to pick up or adjust items that need attention.