



## Facilities Committee Meeting

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DATE: February 21, 2023

TOPIC: District Architect of Record - StudioGC architecture+interiors Project(s) Update

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### Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

### Purpose:

To provide the Facilities Committee an update on StudioGC architecture+interiors District Projects:

1. Bid for Todd Hall & Lincoln Hall Site Renovations (Todd Hall Courtyard/Lincoln Hall Plaza)

Notice published: February 9

Mandatory pre-bid visit: February 14

Bid opening: March 2

2. Arborist's' Analysis

Todd Hall's courtyard trees and summer 2023 construction

Bartlett Tree Service stated: *My understanding is that the areas in the diagram that are coded as "turf grasses" are going to need to be excavated approximately 6 – 8 inches below existing grade in order to set the base for the artificial turf/ground cover that is planned for installation. In my*

*opinion, this excavation/re-grading is what poses the biggest risk to the health of the crabapple and honeylocust. Most tree species have a large portion of their roots near to the soil surface.*

*Based on my understanding, the proposed excavation area would be essentially the entirety of the trees' critical root zones as opposed to localized excavation spaces within that zone for individual footings. If that is correct, it is likely that many of the trees' fine, absorbing roots will either be removed or potentially impacted by the use of machinery in the space. It also is possible that some larger, structural roots may have to be severed or removed as well.*

*If my understanding of the proposed plan and the excavation required is correct, removal of the honeylocust and crabapple would be my recommendation. I don't think that the excavation work would kill the trees in the immediate term. The concern I have is the potential for subsequent decline in the health of the trees after work of this nature takes place. Although I don't generally jump to recommend removal of mature trees, in this case I think you all would be better served to remove and re-plant.*

3. Rutledge Hall Library Lookbook (attached)
4. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classroom Furniture (attached)
5. Bid for Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall Window Treatments
  - Notice published: February 9
  - Pre-bid visit: February 21
  - Bid opening: March 8