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Longtime Fort Collins developer Stuart MacMillan has left CSU's Research Foundation to become director of real estate at Pat Stryker's Bohemian Cos.

MacMillan spent much of his career at Everitt-MacMillan Development helping to develop some of the city's most notable buildings, including the Bohemian Cos.' Mitchell Building in Old Town.

MacMillan said in an interview the Bohemian Cos. asked him to help write a job description for a new director of real estate position.

During that process, Bohemian Cos. CEO Joe Zimlich suggested the person they were describing sounded a lot like MacMillan.

"It seemed like a pretty good opportunity to do something for a high-quality company," MacMillan said.

"CSU was great but there are some real opportunities with Bohemian ... as they relate to the company's values and goals," he said.

MacMillan, who joined CSURF in late 2009, resigned that position but will remain as an adviser on several real estate projects and activities for CSURF for a period of time including the planning, design and pre-construction for the expansion of Colorado State University's Engines & Energy Conversion Lab.

"Stu brings more than 30 years experience in commercial construction and development to Bohemian Companies along with a strong sense of community and a passion for improving the quality of life in Fort Collins," Zimlich said.

Bohemian Cos. owns some key property within Fort Collins including the old Steele's grocery store site at Mountain and Howes.

The former grocery store is owned by Bohemian Mountain LLC, a limited liability corporation formed by the Bohemian Cos., specifically to buy the property.

The old store sat idle for about a decade before being razed in January 2010.

The former Steele's site "is a premier site, as are some others," MacMillan said. "I haven't had a chance to prioritize things yet. I took the job but haven't had a chance to sit down and say where do I want to focus first. I have to understand the priorities and how does it all fit together."

Bohemian Cos. also owns the 12.4-acre Oxbow property next to New Belgium Brewing Co. on Linden Street that once was a desired spot for a downtown music venue.

Stryker shelved plans for the venue when the economy began its decline.

