

Bend man awarded two-year fellowship in Australia

Cal Elshoff, a biology teacher at Bend High School for nearly 10 years, has been awarded a two-year international teaching fellowship in the state of Victoria in Australia.

He is one of 50 science teachers, one from each state, selected for the fellowships. They are being financed by the government of Victoria and will commemorate International Education Year and the Centenary of State Education in Victoria. Elshoff plans to leave with his family in January and return to Bend in the fall of 1973. Following completion of the second teaching year in December of 1972 the Elshoff's plan a six-month return tour of the Near East, Africa, India and Europe.

Supt. R.E. Jewell said he will request approval of Elshoff's leave of absence at the regular meeting of Bend school Board on Monday night. Making the trip with Elshoff will be his wife, Alice, and their three children, Don, 15, Meg, 13, and Dana, 8.

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Drawings outline plan for Deschutes riverfront

Developers swept their conceptual paintbrushes across the 212-acre Crown Pacific/Brooks Scanlon sawmill site Monday, putting on paper what they hope to create on the ground.

What emerged was a project focused on the Deschutes River — one which includes a "river walk" trail, incorporates the history of the former sawmill into building designs, and offers a mix of retail, office, light industrial and residential uses.

"The river walk at the Old Mill District will become the signature icon for your town. People will ask, 'Where do I go, what do I see, when I'm in Bend?' — and the river walk will be that place," said Ken Kay, San Francisco landscape architect and urban designer hired by developers to come up with a master plan for the site.

But some of the 40 or so persons who attended Monday's open house raised concerns, especially regarding trails and buildings near the river and about the proposed Arthur Avenue extension through the site and across the river.

"I'm just thinking of a low stone wall around the river and I'm not sure that's compatible," said a local woman who attended the meeting.

River Bend Limited Partnership, led by Bend developer

William Smith, plans a mixed-use project on the former sawmill site on the east side of the Deschutes River. Smith also owns 70 acres on the west side of the river. The project could have sweeping implications for Bend. Many speculate it will become a new downtown. And Kay noted that it's rare to find a mostly vacant, riverfront site in the heart of a city.

"This is a very important project for your city, the state of Oregon and the West Coast," Kay said.

In addition, the site is huge by Bend standards. The existing downtown urban renewal district, which includes residential property surrounding the urban core, is approximately 200 acres — slightly smaller than the Old Mill project area,

The entire sawmill site won't be developed at once, of course. Smith estimates that it could take four decades for the \$150 million project to be completed.

The first phase would focus on retail shops and the river. It would include a portion of the river trail from roughly the Mill A area to the center of the sawmill site — where a retail plaza of 40,000 to 60,000 square feet would be built.

The former float pond and fire pond used in past sawmill operations will be dredged and refilled to give the site more water features, Kay added.

Smith hopes to complete this first part by Memorial Day 1997. After that, work on the remainder of the first phase would begin, which would include more retail, as well as office development.

In all, the first phase will have about 200,000 square feet of buildings — roughly equal to Costco and Ernst combined.

"Hopefully, you'll see through these drawings that we're getting close to what will be developed at River Bend," Kay said. "We're going to try very hard to retain the beauty of this site."

