

Douglas Park Medical Offices Break Ground



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With shovels ready at the groundbreaking of medical offices, city leaders stand on land that was formerly owned by Boeing and is one of the first sites to be developed in Douglas Park.

From left are Richard Lewis, managing member for Urbana Development, LLC; Dr. David Drake; Dr. Conrad Cox; Dr. Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor of Long Beach; Dr. Diana Yao; Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach; Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District City Councilwoman; Dr. Edward Glassberg; Dr. Bryna Kane; and Dr. Joanna Chan.

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A major construction project broke ground Saturday at Douglas Park, with Mayor Bob Foster and other leaders putting ceremonial shovels in the dirt to make way for a 90,000-square-foot Medical Office Park.

Set for completion late this year, the project — being managed by real estate development company Urbana Development, LLC — will cover five acres of undeveloped land and be comprised of two buildings specifically built for medical office uses. The land was formerly owned by Boeing.

Richard Lewis, managing member of Urbana Development, said the \$30 million project has been in the works for two years and already has attracted many potential occupants. He said more than 60% of the buildings have already been leased out, with more signatures expected soon.

“The Douglas Park Medical Office Park is the only new development in the area offering Class A medical buildings, ample surface parking and a central location for six major hospitals in the area,” Lewis said while standing next to the blue fence surrounding the project site. “We worked with local doctors to develop medical office space that responds to their needs. The response has been very strong with interested tenants ranging from pediatric care to ambulatory surgery, imaging and many other medical specialties.”

Separate physicians’ groups will independently own each building. Two major tenants at the groundbreaking included Dr. Bryna Kane, a representative of Laser Skin Care Center Dermatology Associates, as well as Dr. David Drake, a representative for Long Beach Gastroenterology Associates and Greater Long Beach Endoscopy Center.

Both Drake and Kane said they currently work at medical offices in Long Beach, but both have been looking for larger spaces that cater to their specific needs.

“We’ve been looking for five or six years and could really never find a place,” Drake said. “Right now we are cramped and most medical office buildings in Long Beach are 40 years old... We looked for a location that would respond to our patients needs and provide state-of-the-art equipment and patient services for our physicians. The new medical office building offers free ample parking and a beautiful environment for our patients, staff and doctors.”

Kane shared similar sentiments: “This new facility is going to be more convenient for patients who will have better freeway access, there will be more room for us to grow our practice and we are going to be able to have a one-stop-shop with other specialists and even a pharmacy within the same building.”

The development is at 3833 Worsham Ave. Full occupancy is expected in early 2015. For additional information, visit www.douglasparkmedical.com.

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