

# Business Beat

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## Shore's New Board

The Belmont Shore Business Association's 2016-17 slate of elected officers and board members take their seats this month, and it's a group of familiar faces.

Businessman Mike Sheldrake, the longtime owner of Polly's Gourmet Coffee, was re-elected to serve as the president of the association. Other executive officers, all re-elected this year, are: Dave Shlemmer of Shlemmer Investments, serving as vice president of finance; Heather Duncan of Blue Windows, serving as vice president of promotions and marketing; Cory Peters of Chase Bank, serving as treasurer; and Matt Peterson of Legends, serving as secretary.

BSBA board members are: Alexis Rabenn of Quinn's; Bill Lorbeer of Lorbeer Equity Management, Inc.; Eric Johnson of Legends; Joy Starr of The Rubber Tree; Lisa Ramelow of La Strada; Marsha Jeffer of Shore Business Center; Stacia Samartan of Frosted Cupcakery; and Tula Trigonis of Salon Soma.

For details about the BSBA, which is an organization of business owners dedicated to promoting, protecting and maintaining the prosperity of the Belmont Shore community, visit [www.belmontshore.org](http://www.belmontshore.org).

## Urbana Breaks Ground

A six-acre office condominium development at Douglas Park will break ground later this month.

Crews will be working on a series of 20, two-story office condominiums. Called the Terminal at Douglas Park, the project at the corner of Conant Street and Bayer Avenue will be underway starting Friday, Oct. 28, according to a release from Long Beach-based Urbana Development.

Urbana Development is working with DRA Architects on the design and Norm Wilson and Sons as the general contractor.

Once complete, the office spaces will range from 2,167 to 2,659 square feet and can be combined into larger spaces, according to Urbana's website. Some will include covered balconies, private patio spaces, roll-up glass doors and operable windows that make the most of natural light.

There will be a shared parking area and green spaces with the architectural design being "clean and contemporary." The project will be built to CALGreen building codes and incorporate sustainable design, recycled materials, efficient systems and indigenous plant life.

The project is set for completion in the second quarter of 2017.

Urbana Development also is working on the buildout of medical offices in Douglas Park, among other projects within the city of Long Beach.

For more, visit [the-terminal-at-douglas-park.com](http://the-terminal-at-douglas-park.com).

## DLBA Rebrands

Since its inception in 1937, the business group of "associates" in downtown Long Beach has been known as the Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA).

The acronym is staying the

same, but the organization is rebranding itself as the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, a name that reflects its evolution and growth towards serving as a larger network, according to a release.

"With the many changes and progress occurring in our downtown, we believe there's no better time to engage in a rebranding campaign than now," DLBA President and CEO Kraig Kojian said.

The rebranding includes a new name, logo and website.

## DLBA's New Board

Speaking of the DLBA, it has installed its 2016-17 board of directors and executive committee.

This year's executive committee includes: chair Toliver Morris of John Hancock; chair elect Ryan Altoon of Anderson Pacific; past chair Michelle Molina of Millworks; secretary Justin Hectus of Keesal, Young and Logan;

treasurer Derek Burnham of Gilro; city representative Linda Tatum; and executive committee member Tony Shooshani of City Place.

## Port Volume Down

Container volume at the Port of Long Beach declined 16.6% in September, compared to the same month in 2015.

Port officials said the decline is due, in part, to the impact of South Korea's Hanjin Shipping Co. filing for bankruptcy in August. The shipping giant sinking into bankruptcy has thrown all West Coast ports into disarray — Hanjin containers typically account for about 12.3% of the Port of Long Beach's total container volume.

In September, Long Beach longshore workers moved 546,805 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units, the standard cargo measurement). That included 282,945 TEUs in imports and 120,383 TEUs in exports. Empties were at 143,476 TEUs.

Monthly cargo numbers are available at [www.polb.com/stats](http://www.polb.com/stats).

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