

Harvey Oyer Speaks to COVID's Effect on Local Mall Redevelopment

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The Palm Beach Post recently [reported](#) that a proposal to redevelop the Mall at Wellington Green has been withdrawn after the far-reaching development project fell victim to the coronavirus pandemic.

Last summer, Starwood Retail Partners LLC pitched a plan to demolish the former Nordstrom anchor space and use that and the adjoining paring lot space to build multi-family homes, a hotel, restaurants, an amphitheater and sand volleyball courts. The redevelopment would also feature a 3.5-acre man-made, resort-style pool with rental cabanas – Crystal Lagoon.

The proposal request was withdrawn by Wellington village staff citing inactivity on the application.

“COVID single-handedly has derailed this project,” said [Harvey E. Oyer III](#), a Shutts & Bowen real estate partner and Starwood’s agent on the redevelopment project.

Harvey stated that mall owners will be back with a similar plan, which will be a terrific adaptive use for the community.

Harvey also noted that this issue is not unique to the Mall at Wellington Green, adding that every regional mall in the country is working to find new ways to “pivot” and repurpose space.

“It’s just the evolution of the industry,” he said.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

About Harvey E. Oyer III

[Harvey E. Oyer III](#) is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. As a fifth generation native of Palm Beach County, Harvey brings a unique perspective to his understanding of the issues facing the region, its real estate market and development. He is one of the region’s leading land use & zoning lawyers, having led the approval of many of the county’s largest and most iconic projects. Harvey represents commercial and residential developers, cultural institutions, large farming interests and rural land owners, and governmental agencies in real estate transactions, finance, land use, zoning, agricultural law, and government affairs.

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