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**To:** Harold Jenkins  
**Cc:** Colleen Pachowicz; Peter Walden  
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July 30, 2019

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On May 1, 2020, at 2:57 PM, Peter Walden <[pwalden@martin.fl.us](mailto:pwalden@martin.fl.us)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Melson,

Just wanted to update you that the Kania Tower is going to the Martin County BCC on May 5<sup>th</sup> as I originally reported.

Nothing has changed as far as the application is concerned, It is still for a 20' extension.

Thank you,

Pete Walden  
Principal Planner  
Growth Management Department  
Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
(772)219-4923

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** Donna Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: Kenai Tower Extension -Project No.: K041-007r  
**Attachments:** Re: kenai tower Tequesta; Re: kenai tower Tequesta; Re: New Tower in Tequesta at the Boy Scout Camp Entrance

Donna,

Can you please pass this along to Mary Kay if need be. Thank You.

George Stokus

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** [pwalden@martin.fl.us](mailto:pwalden@martin.fl.us)  
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Good afternoon Pete,

In connection with the referenced project, please find attached copies of emails of support that we were asked to forward to the County regarding the proposed tower extension being requested. It would be much appreciated if you could forward these emails to each of the Commissioners and include them in the Agenda Packet for the May 5<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Thanks.

Bob



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On May 1, 2020, at 2:57 PM, Peter Walden <[pwalden@martin.fl.us](mailto:pwalden@martin.fl.us)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Melson,

Just wanted to update you that the Kania Tower is going to the Martin County BCC on May 5<sup>th</sup> as I originally reported.

Nothing has changed as far as the application is concerned, It is still for a 20' extension.

Thank you,

Pete Walden  
Principal Planner  
Growth Management Department  
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## Peter Walden

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**From:** Mark Leavitt <314mhl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Holly Valdez  
**Subject:** Re: New Tower in Tequesta at the Boy Scout Camp Entrance

Yes, you may share it. Also, being over 70 years old has gotten to be trying. When we loose power or the internet goes down we have no way to contact the outside world. It used to be a landline, also known as POTS, was a link. I cannot even find a way to get that service in our location. It my opinion a lot of people have been extremely short sighted in the approach to allowing this new tower to be built. It surely makes one wonder why this is all taking so long.

Mark L.

> On Apr 8, 2020, at 12:35 PM, Holly Valdez <hvaldez@rgpartners.com> wrote:

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> Thank you for your inquiry, Mr. Leavitt,

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> Unfortunately we do not have a hard date for their install right now

> with all that is happening in the World with the virus.

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> We too are very anxious.

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> Would you be ok with me sharing your inquiry with the County?

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> Thank you and have a great day!!

>

> Holly Valdez

> RG Towers, LLC

> V.P. Leasing and Operations

> 2141 Alternate A1A South, Suite 440

> Jupiter FL 33477

> 772-353-7401

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark Leavitt <314mhl@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:18 PM

> To: hvaldez@rgpartners.com

> Subject: New Tower in Tequesta at the Boy Scout Camp Entrance

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> My neighbor mentioned that T-Mobile will be installing soon. Have

> they started? How long is the typical install?

> After seven years without cell service in my home, I am starting to

> wonder if the cell phone companies care about us. I am very happy

> that your company is trying to fix this for us. Thank you.

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> Mark L.

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> From: Mark Leavitt <314mhl@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 3:06 PM

> To: hvaldez@rgpartners.com

> Subject: Fwd: kenai tower Tequesta

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> Hello,

> My neighbor, Dick Lifton, had sent an e-mail about the Kenai Tower in

> Tequesta.

> I would also like some info, please.

> Do you know what wireless carriers are planning on putting equipment

> on the new tower? I am looking for a new data plan and want to be

> sure that my new carrier will be on the tower.

> Thanks

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> Mark L.

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> Begin forwarded message:

> From: rdlift@aol.com

> Date: November 12, 2019 at 2:49:04 PM EST

> To: 314mhl@gmail.com

> Subject: Fwd: kenai tower Tequesta

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> Sent from my iPad

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> From: "Holly Valdezhvaldez@rgpartners.com" <hvaldez@rgpartners.com>

> Date: November 12, 2019 at 2:24:02 PM EST

> To: <rdlift@aol.com>

> Subject: RE: kenai tower Tequesta

> Good afternoon Mr. Lifton,

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> We are anticipating it's activation sometime in the first quarter of 2020.

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> Thank you and have a great day!!

>

> Holly Valdez

> RG Towers, LLC

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> From: Richard Lifton <rdlift@aol.com>

> Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 9:52 AM

> To: info@rgtowers.com

> Subject: kanai tower Tequesta