

Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District (SLSID)

The Spring Lake Subdivision Special Improvement District is a special taxing District that was created in 1998 and re-enacted in 2003 for the primary purpose of promoting and encouraging the security, beautification and overall betterment of the Spring Lake Subdivision. The Spring Lake Neighborhood Association Board of Directors shall annually authorize the Spring Lake Subdivision Special Improvement District Board of Directors to prepare and submit to the New Orleans City Council a budget/plan for the collection of fees (\$200.00 per parcel of land per year) as designated by the legislative act creating the special taxation district.

The Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District is governed, by law, by a board of nine (9) commissioners. The five individuals who serve on the executive board of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association serve as commissioners and serve as the officers of this board. The remaining commissioners are appointed in the following manner:

- 1. By the Mayor of the City of New Orleans*
- 2. By the City Councilperson representing the District E*
- 3. By the Louisiana State Senator representing District 2*
- 4. By the Louisiana State Representative representing District 101*

*Commissioners are required by law to file a **Personal Financial Disclosure** statement each year with the Louisiana State Ethics Board. Most commissioners are required to file a Tier 2.1 form by **May 15th** of each calendar year that they are serving and one year after leaving the Board of Commissioners. For additional information and to file the required Personal Financial Disclosure state, please visit the State Louisiana Board of Ethics at <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417f.pdf?20170112>.*

2021 Commissioners

Karen Comeaux, Esq. President

Gail Armant, PhD, Vice President

Fay Wooten, Treasurer

Dale Bonds, Secretary

Aaron McDonald, Chief of Security

Wendell Batiste, Appointed by City Councilperson

Keith Brown, Appointed by Mayor

Daniel Morning, Appointed by State Representative

Alexis Parent Ferrouillet, PhD, Appointed by State Senator

Historical Information Regarding Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District

Article from Times Picayune

TAXING DISTRICTS FOR EASTERN N.O. ADVANCE

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- Author/Byline: ED ANDERSON and JOANNA WEISS Capital bureau
- Section: NATIONAL
- Page: A5

BATON ROUGE A Senate-passed bill that sets up two special taxing districts in eastern New Orleans to enhance beautification and security efforts won approval from a House committee Wednesday.

The Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs sent to the House floor Senate Bill 163 by Sen. Jon Johnson, D-New Orleans, creating the special taxing districts in the Lake Willow and Spring Lake subdivisions.

The bill drew no opposition in committee, unlike a similar measure introduced later Wednesday by Sen. Diana Bajoie, D-New Orleans, seeking to create a taxing-security district in New Orleans' **Garden District**. The Louisiana arm of the American Civil Liberties Union branded Bajoie's measure as racially polarizing by focusing additional police attention on a wealthy, tourist-oriented neighborhood.

Johnson's bill sets up the Lake Willow Subdivision Improvement District bounded roughly by Morrison Road, the Interstate 10 Service Road, Lawrence Drainage Canal and part of Crowder Road. The Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District takes in the area bounded by Morrison Road, the Lawrence Drainage Canal, the I-10 Service Road and the St. Charles Drainage Canal.

Johnson said residents came to him with the proposals. The districts and the taxes they generate would be in place for five years and would have to be renewed at that time, he said.

The Lake Willow portion of the bill allows residents to impose an unspecified property tax millage or up to a \$350 annual fee on all tracts of property in the district. The exact millage or fees would have to be approved in an election this fall by two-thirds of the voting property owners.

Spring Lake residents, Johnson said, could impose up to another 5 mills of property tax or a fee not to exceed \$200 a year on all taxable property.

He said the fee or tax would have to be authorized by a simple majority of the district's registered voters.

The revenue measures are expected to generate between \$30,000 and \$50,000 a year in each area. The

bill also allows the residents to contract with the New Orleans Police Department or a security firm approved by the agency for the added security patrols.

"This legislation is citizen-initiated," said Rep. Cynthia Willard, D-New Orleans. "This allows them to protect their homes and their property."

Rep. Diane Winston, R-Covington, questioned if the new taxes amount to double **taxation**, since property owners already pay for services in eastern New Orleans. Johnson said the bill is needed because eastern New Orleans is the largest area for police to patrol and the added security will help.

"We really need two (police) precincts in New Orleans east," he said. "We want to make New Orleans east what it was supposed to be: a city within a city."

Bajoie's bill to create a special taxing district for the **Garden District** passed 102-1 in the House later Wednesday despite the American Civil Liberties Union's opposition. Rep. Woody Jenkins, R-Baton Rouge, voted against it. It has to go back to the Senate for approval of House changes.

The bill, SB 84, would let **Garden District** residents hold an election and vote to assess themselves a property tax to pay for increased security.

The Legislature has already approved similar taxing districts in Jefferson Parish and New Orleans.

Later, the Senate gave final approval and sent to Gov. Foster HB 4 by Speaker Pro Tempore Peppi Bruneau, R-New Orleans, giving state-owned City Park in New Orleans more latitude in hiring employees.

The bill, by Sen. Dennis Bagneris, D-New Orleans, will require the park to bid out its contracts for tennis and golf operations. It also will allow the park to contract with its auxiliary, Friends of City Park, to hire workers at better pay scales.

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First Vote: November 3, 1998 Results

Spring Lk. Sub.Imp. Dist. -- Parcel Fee -- City Council-2/3 majority req.

Early Voting

Precinct Results

1 of 1 precincts reporting - 100%
absentee reporting - 100%



Votes

209 Approved

59

Total: 268

Keys Points and Changes in Legislation

Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District Proposition

- **First Extraordinary Session 1998 – Senate Bill 163**

1. For a period of five years
2. Must be approved by two-thirds

- **Regular Session 2003 – Senate Bill 1122**



1. Added that the Commissioners were to be both property owners and residents
2. Must be approved by a majority
3. The election on the question of the imposition of the fee may be renewed subject to the provisions of this subparagraph.
4. The City may retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee.

Second Vote: November 15, 2003 Results

Spring Lk. Sub. Imp. Dis. -- \$200 annual fee - 7 Years - City Council

Early Voting Precinct Results

1 of 1 precincts reporting - 100%
absentee reporting - 100%

YES  85%
NO  15%

Votes
220 Approved
39
Total: 259

Third Vote: February 6, 2010 Results

Election: Sat Feb 6 2010



LA Legislature Multi Parish Parish Statistics

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Spring Lake Subdiv. Imp. Dist. -- \$200 Annual Fee - CC - 8 Yrs.

Voter Stats Early Voting

Orleans Parish (1 of 1 precincts reporting - 100%)
absentee reporting - 100%

YES  74%
NO  26%

Votes
100 Approved
36

Turnout: 40.8%

Total: 136

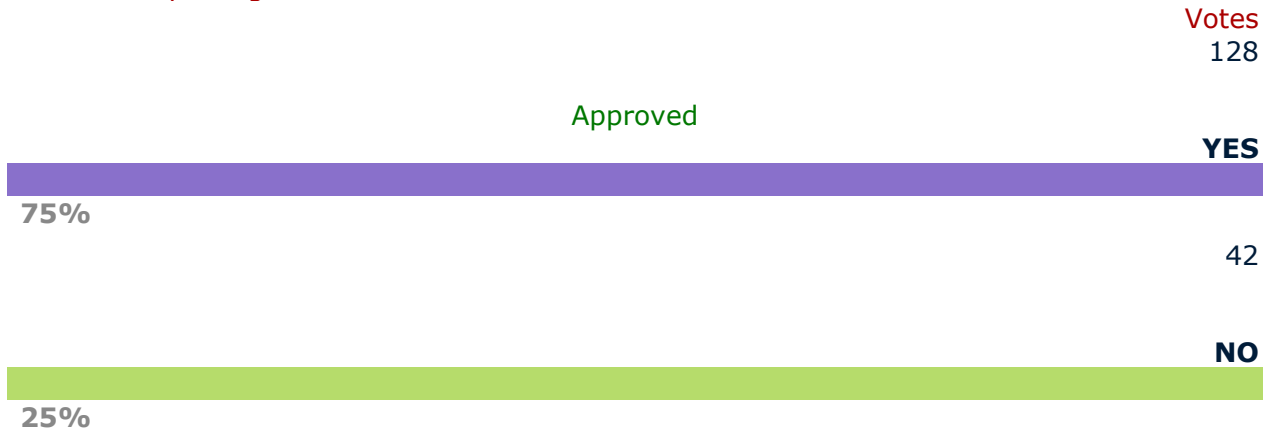
Results By Precinct

Fourth: November 18, 2017 Results

Turnout: 57.5%

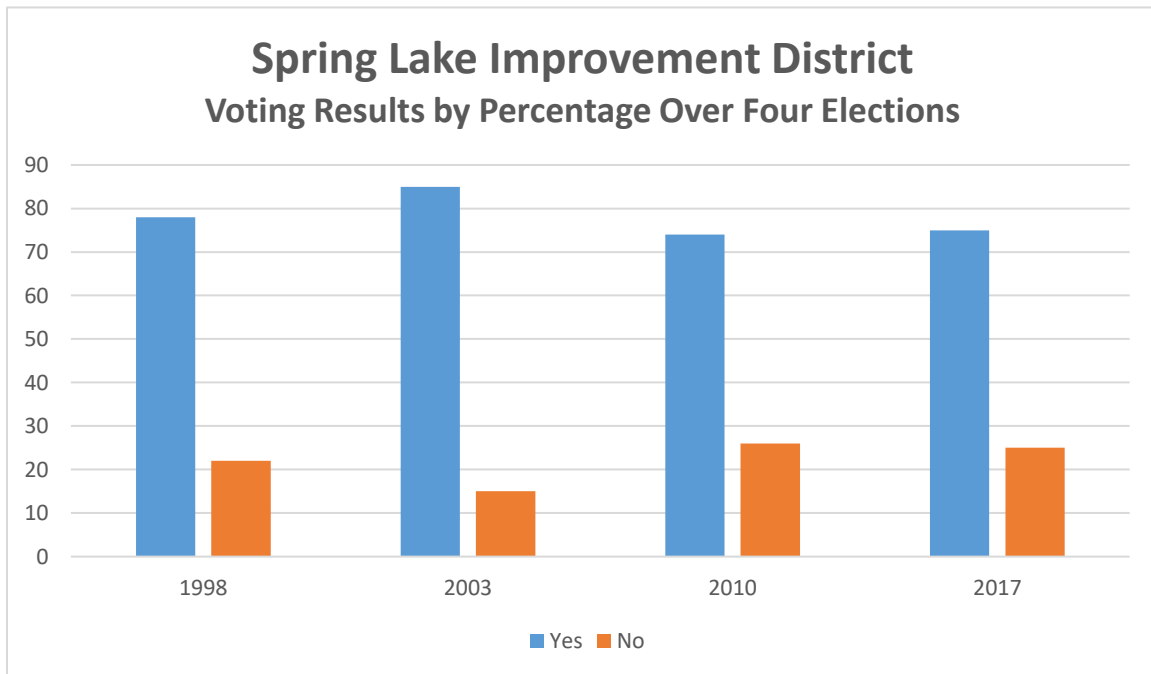
Spring Lake Subdivision Imp. Dist. -- \$200 Parcel Fee Renewal - CC - 8 Yrs.

1 of 1 precincts reporting - 100%
absentee reporting - 100%



Total: 170

Turnout: 48.8%



Number of Voters each year:

1998	2003	2010	2017
268	259	136	170