



Department of City Planning

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNER BIOS

ANDREW DASH, AICP



Andrew is the Assistant Director of Strategic Planning for the City of Pittsburgh. He manages a team of 12 planners, who handle long-range planning activities for the City, including: the development of the City's first comprehensive plan, neighborhood planning, transportation planning, planning for persons with disabilities, and environmental and open space planning activities. In addition to his duties as a planner, Andrew served as a member of the Mayor's Land

Recycling Task Force, which drove the creation of the Pittsburgh Land Bank, and serves as a board member to the Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation and the Allegheny Commons Initiative.

Andrew has spent the last 13 years as a planner, working at Marshall Township (Allegheny County), the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, and the City of Akron before joining the City over 6 years ago. When he's not at the office, you'll find Andrew out on his bike exploring the city, hiking in the wilderness, slowly renovating his 1880's Italianate row house or playing at home or in the park with his three sons.

ANDREA LAVIN KOSSIS



Andrea serves as the City of Pittsburgh's Riverfront Development Coordinator. She works together with communities, developers and other stakeholders to ensure that neighborhood growth and development activities are equitable, sustainable and informed by collaboration. Her geographic areas of focus include Lawrenceville, the Strip District, the North Shore, Chateau and the Southside Flats.

Andrea's experience includes community planning and design, community-scale sustainability, participatory design, neighborhood outreach and building-scale energy efficiency. Prior to joining Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, Andrea served as the Green Building Alliance's 2030 District Property Specialist; as Community Sustainability Coordinator with the Kingsley Association; and as Community Project Services Manager with the Design Center. Andrea earned her Master's of Urban & Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia, and received her Bachelor's from Wake Forest University with a double major in Anthropology and Spanish.

Andrea moved to Pittsburgh in 2006. She has since lived in five

neighborhoods and currently calls South Oakland home. In her free time, Andrea enjoys exploring Pittsburgh's parks, museums and libraries with her husband and their two small, disproportionately fast children.

ASHLEY HOLLOWAY



Ashley R. Holloway is a Neighborhood Planner who hails from Cleveland, Ohio. The neighborhoods Ashley covers are South Side Flats & Slopes, the Hilltop, and South Hills. Ashley earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Community & Regional Planning from Iowa State University in 2005 and has worked for the Department since 2011.

Before coming on as a Neighborhood Planner, Ashley worked as a Health Inspector for the City of Cleveland, a Family Liaison for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and a District Executive for the Boys Scouts of America, Cleveland office.

JUSTIN MILLER, AICP



Justin is a Senior Planner and has worked on a wide variety of projects, including zoning changes, policy research, graphic design, neighborhood plans, comprehensive planning, and PGHSNAP, a citywide online data resource. PGHSNAP, was the recipient of a 2010 American Society of Landscape Architects honor award for analysis and planning, and received a "planning excellence award for best practice" from the PA chapter of the American Planning Association that same year. Justin currently serves at the neighborhood

planner for the Hill District, Uptown, and Oakland--he also serves on the board of the Oakland Business Improvement District.

Justin is native to the Pittsburgh area, having grown up just up the Allegheny River in Natrona Heights. He moved to the city while attending Duquesne University in 2000, and has lived here ever since. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2004 from Duquesne, and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Affairs in 2007. Justin was an intern with City Planning starting in late 2006, which turned into a full-time job with City Planning in August 2007.

Justin can often be found buying records at one of the city's many record stores--his shelves cannot fit any more records, but he keeps buying them anyway.



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MICHAEL SMITH, AICP



Michael is a Senior Planner and leads and supports neighborhood planning efforts for communities located within the East End. Additionally, he is responsible for implementing elements of the City's comprehensive plan, notably the Urban Design chapter. Prior to joining City Planning in October 2014, he served as Real Estate and Planning Project Manager for the Hill CDC, managing the organization's homeownership and neighborhood

planning initiatives.

Before relocating to Pittsburgh, Michael served as Neighborhood Planner for the City of Charlottesville, overseeing development review and public outreach for six distinct neighborhoods. This included advising residents, developers, and design professionals on city codes and regulatory processes. In addition, he provided research, analysis, and policy recommendations to public officials on planning/zoning activities and development applications. In his spare time, Michael can either be found running along the rivers and bridges of the City, learning about the history of Pittsburgh neighborhoods, or rooting for the Virginia Cavaliers.

NENHA YOUNG



Nenha is a Neighborhood Planner and covers neighborhoods in the Lower East End (Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze, Greenfield, Regent Square, Swisshelm Park), Hazelwood, and the 31st Ward. Nenha is originally from Englewood, New Jersey and came to Pittsburgh in 2013 through the UDream (Urban Design Regional Employment Action for Minorities) fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University in the Remaking Cities Institute. She also served as a Public Affairs Fellow with the Coro

Center for Civic Leadership in Pittsburgh.

Nenha earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Studies with a minor in Architecture from Cornell University. Before coming to the Department of City Planning in May 2015, Nenha work in New York City for the Department of Transportation in the Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and for the New York City bike share system, CitiBike. Nenha also worked for an affordable housing developer in the City of Pittsburgh.

In Nenha's free time, she could found crocheting a new project, watching a documentary, or traveling the world.

STEPHANIE JOY EVERETT



Stephanie Joy is the Neighborhood Planner for most of the Northside neighborhoods of the City. She earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati and continued graduate studies in Community Planning at the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning at UC. Before relocating to Pittsburgh in June 2015, Stephanie Joy worked at the City of Yuma, Arizona for seven years as a planner. She worked in a variety of capacities, including development review, policy research, zoning code text

amendments, and updating the general plan. She also served as a liaison between the City departments/divisions and the residents, developers, and design professionals.

Stephanie Joy has spent time abroad, teaching ESL at a private school in Bangkok, Thailand and studying urban sustainability practices in Curitiba, Brazil. In her spare time, she can be found practicing yoga, hiking and biking the trails of Western Pennsylvania, or exploring Pittsburgh's art venues.

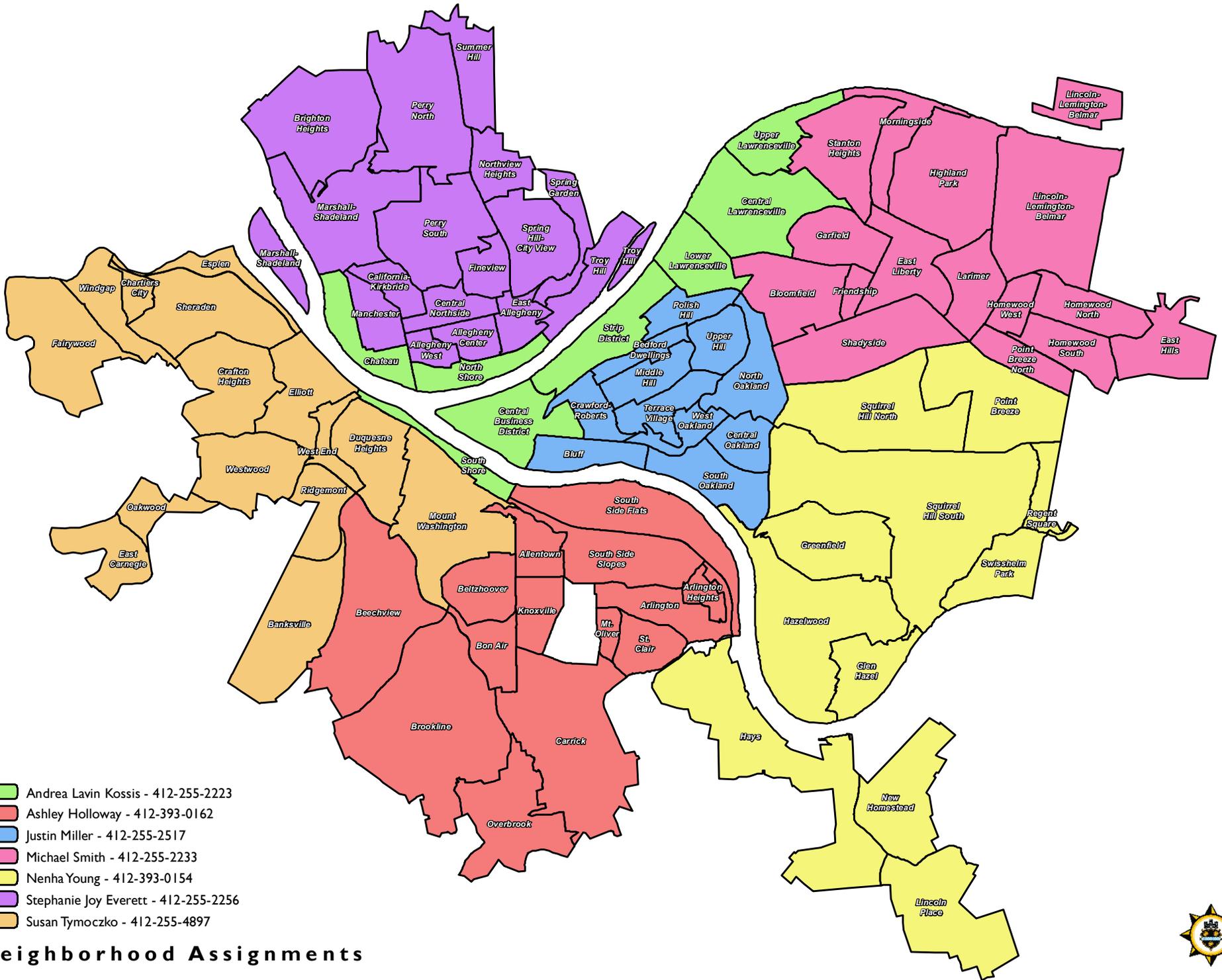
SUSAN TYMOCZKO



Susan Tymoczko is a Senior Planner who has been with the Department of City Planning for 34 years. She began her career with City Planning in the section that was known at the time as the Division of Community Planning, and is happy to be back working in the area of community and neighborhood planning after more than 15 years in the Zoning Division.

Susan is a native and life-long resident of Western Pennsylvania.

Her education background is in Geography/Earth Sciences and Urban Planning, training that she will rely on in learning to navigate around and work with the West End neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Assignments

