



Department of City Planning

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ANDREW DASH, AICP



Andrew serves as the Assistant Director of Strategic Planning for the City of Pittsburgh. He manages a team of planners who handle long-range planning activities for the City, including the development of the City's comprehensive plan and planning for persons with disabilities, planning for housing, and environmental and open space planning activities. Under his leadership over the past five years, the City has adopted its' first neighborhood plan in over 20 years, developed a Complete Streets Policy, convened the City's Affordable Housing Task Force, including adoption of the recommendations developed, created community-stewarded programs

for residents and organization through the creation of the Adopt-A-Lot and Greenways programs, and created zoning amendments for urban agriculture, developed a Performance Points system to allow for development bonuses to be tied to community goals, adopted both mandatory and incentive-based inclusionary zoning regulations, and completed a full rezoning of the City's 35 miles of riverfront.

Andrew has 18 years of experience as a planner, previously working for municipal and county governments in Western Pennsylvania and for the City of Akron (Ohio) before joining the City of Pittsburgh 11 years ago. When he's not in the office, you'll find Andrew on his bike exploring the city, hiking in the wilderness, slowly renovating his 1880's rowhouse, or playing at home, in the neighborhood, in the park or at the many events Pittsburgh has to offer with his three sons.

ANDREA LAVIN KOSSIS, AICP



In her role as Riverfront Development Coordinator, Andrea focuses on planning and development happening along Pittsburgh's 35 miles of riverfront. In addition to her riverfront focus, Andrea serves as a neighborhood planner for the Strip District, Lawrenceville, Polish Hill and Stanton Heights. She has collaborated in the development of riverfront zoning, an inclusionary zoning pilot program, and a neighborhood plan for Greater Hazelwood.

Andrea is motivated by the desire to work with communities, developers and stakeholders to ensure that neighborhood growth and development activities are equitable, sustainable and informed by collaboration. Her work experience includes community planning and design, multi-scale sustainability, and neighborhood outreach. Prior to joining the City of Pittsburgh, Andrea served in a variety of roles with local nonprofit organizations. She earned her masters of Urban & Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia and bachelors from Wake Forest University in Anthropology and Spanish.

Andrea has lived in Pittsburgh since 2006 and resides in South Oakland. In her free time, Andrea enjoys running with her dog, reading, and exploring Pittsburgh's park, museums and bakeries with her family.

ANTHONY KOBAK



Anthony is the neighborhood planner for the neighborhoods south of the Monongahela River, including the South Side, Mount Washington and the Hilltop. He also manages the citywide comprehensive planning process. Anthony brings over 13 years experience to the department from his varied roles as a planner in Northeast Ohio at the regional, city, township and neighborhood levels. A couple of the projects he worked on were recognized by the American Planning Association's National Planning Excellence Awards for comprehensive planning and public outreach. Anthony has been invited to speak at state and national planning conferences

about comprehensive planning and the interplay between marketing and public engagement.

Anthony graduated from the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University with a masters in Urban Studies. He also holds a bachelors from Kent State University in Geography with a minor in Urban Planning. Anthony enjoys spending free time with his family, friends and church community, and exploring the many unique neighborhoods in the 'Burch by foot and bicycle.

CHRISTOPHER CORBETT



Christopher earned his masters of Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration in Community and Real Estate Development from A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan. His experience includes affordable housing, participatory planning, design, economic resilience and sustainability. As a native of Chicago, Christopher worked with a large real estate firm, overseeing transaction management of more than \$800 million in annual revenue. Prior to joining Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, Christopher was a consultant to municipalities and organizations on various planning

initiatives. Christopher's projects included expanding mobility options to low density communities in Southeast Michigan, designing and implementing strategies initiatives for green infrastructure, streamlining stakeholder collaboration with the City of Ypsilanti's community signage proposal that highlighted the historical preservation of events within the predominantly African American community prior to urban renewal.

Christopher is a member of the American Planning Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and is a board member of Working in the Schools. He earned his bachelors in business from Lane College. When he is away from the office, Christopher enjoys being outdoors with his dog, supporting the arts, and upcycling vintage furniture. He is committed to building strong relationships with residents, developers and community organizations to create plans for the future of our communities that honors the resiliency of Pittsburgh.



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DEREK DAUPHIN



Derek is the planner for Downtown, the Hill District, Uptown and Oakland. Derek moved to Pittsburgh in 2017 from Portland, Oregon, where he worked as a central city planner at the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability. Previous projects of Derek's include a long-range plan for Portland urban industrial district, an update of the city's landmark Central City Plan, establishing research partnerships with local universities, and updating the city's urban renewal areas.

Prior to working with the City of Portland, Derek worked with a planning consultancy, Fregonese Associates, on city and regional planning projects across the country. While

completing his masters in Urban Planning at Portland State University, Derek conducted research in Havana, Cuba, and worked as a planning intern with the Chinese Academy of Urban Planning in Chongqing. He also holds bachelor degrees in biology and psychology from the University of Washington and worked for many years as a biotech project manager. In his free time, Derek enjoys exploring Pittsburgh's neighborhoods and museums with his wife and two daughters.

OSE AKINLOTAN



Ose is a neighborhood planner for the neighborhoods in the East End, including Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze, Greenfield, Regent Square, Swizzhelm Park, Hazelwood, the Hill District and the 31st Ward. She earned a masters in Geography and Environmental Planning from Towson University and a bachelors in History from The Morgan State University.

Before moving to Pittsburgh in 2019, Ose worked for the planning department for the City of Dubuque (Iowa). There, she assisted with the development of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, served as the primary GIS specialist for the department, was an

Intercultural Competency Community Facilitator, and was a face of the "I'm a Dubuquer" Inclusive Campaign. Ose also worked as a freight and rail planner for the Iowa Department of Transportation, where she evaluated infrastructure condition around the state.

Ose loves to read, swim, dance and travel, preferably to tropical climates. She is an active member of Jaycee International, Optimist International and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. She's passionate about uplifting our children and equipping them with the knowledge and tools for success. She is a founding member of the Sister's United Empowerment Coalition in Dubuque, Iowa, and actively seeks to apply the organization's principles of sisterhood and support everywhere she goes. Ose is originally from Glenarden, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C.

SOPHIA ROBISON



Sophia is the neighborhood planner for the West End and South Hills neighborhoods, in addition to working on the Oakland Neighborhood Plan. Sophia has collaborated with other planners on the development of the citywide Comprehensive Plan and managed the creation of the Pittsburgh Public Engagement Guide. Before moving to Pittsburgh in 2017, she recieved her masters of City & Regional Planning from Cornell University. While completing her masters, Sophia worked on a series of projects for small towns in Upstate New York and created educational materials for a Brooklyn-based environmental nonprofit looking to involve youth in a beach revitalization effort. She

also interned with the Municipal Art Society of New York and the Historic Trust of West Florida.

Sophia completed her bachelors in International Studies at American University in Washington, D.C., and has spent time abroad in Belgium, Australia, and South Africa. She speaks French and loves to play volleyball. She is also an avid baker and regularly asks her coworkers to be her taste testers. Sophia has moved around a lot, but calls North Carolina, West Virginia, and now Pittsburgh, home.

STEPHANIE JOY EVERETT



Stephanie Joy is the neighborhood planner for the Northside neighborhoods, with the exception of North Shore. In this capacity, she works with community members and stakeholders to guide future growth and development. Stephanie Joy has also collaborated with other planners and agencies in the creation of the Neighborhood Planning Program, which includes Registered Community Organizations and the Neighborhood Plan Guide. Before relocating to Pittsburgh in 2015, Stephanie Joy worked for the City of Yuma (Arizona) as a planner for seven years. She worked in a variety of capacities for the City of Yuma, including development

review, policy research, zoning code amendments, and updating the general plan.

Stephanie Joy has spent time abroad, teaching ESL at a private school in Bangkok, Thailand and studying urban sustainability practices in Curitiba, Brazil. She earned her bachelors in Psychology and masters in Community Planning from University of Cincinnati. In her spare time, Stephanie Joy can be found tending to her landscape, hiking and biking the trails of Western Pennsylvania, or exploring Pittsburgh's art venues.



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