

Session Notes

Session Title	<i>"Let's Get Mapping: A conversation about Mapping for equity"</i>
Session Facilitator	<i>Dimitri Mimy and Naeema Haque</i>
Time Block	<i>11 am to 12 pm</i>
Room Number	<i>2-112</i>
The Board - Link	📌 CityCamp NYC - The Board (Public)
CityCamp NYC - Session Guide	https://www.citycamp.nyc/2025/08/21/pitch-your-session/
BetaNYC Code of Conduct	https://www.beta.nyc/code-of-conduct-anti-harassment-policy/
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CityCamp Session Scribes will capture the discussion and insights here. Remember to identify actionable discussion items that generate ongoing discussion or calls-to-action that may continue after the event!

Session Scribe Notes

General Notes

Take clear notes that capture the discussion here:

- The agenda includes an introduction to BetaNYC and Mapping for Equity, a short mapping activity, and then a discussion about community mapping.
- Attendees include technologists, tech advocates, social workers, a digital literacy researcher, a geochemistry professor, a disaster resiliency researcher, public administration professionals, a transportation planner, a cartographer, and an industrial designer.
- Mapping for Equity aims to empower communities to count public resources themselves and see if they are equal. The goal is to introduce people to open space data and inspire them to start their own open space mapping efforts.
- The mapping activity involves mapping the room we are using for this session.
- Participants reported mapping lighting, windows, the natural light, tables (or anything that could be used as a table),
- An important consideration when making a map is - What is the point of the map? (In this case, the configurable nature of the tables make them accessible to any kind of use. This makes it important to acknowledge and document this aspect instead of taking this feature for granted)

- It is a challenge when there is an articles that discusses that key topics about the community like crime without direct references to the actual data. Transparency is important.
 - Might be useful to think about community fact checking to keep storiest and narratives in check.
 - Important to think about who are making these maps, data, or these claims.
- Integrating participatory budgeting to these maps about the communities.
 - For apps like Waze app, City mappers, etc. who are the gatekeepers? Who controls them? Can we use these to act in the interest of the community?
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- An asset based resource mapping of the community. But this brings up the question of what is an asset and who decides what an asset is. Sometimes people consider certain types of individuals as a liability. But who decides that they are a liability?

Roadblocks and Questions

Capture barriers, challenges, and differing views:

- Should we map amenities or features as individual elements or as groups that share some similarity?
- Sometimes it might be more important to decide who the map is for then to make sure everything is on the map.
- How do we design a tool that eliminates bias? Is there a world where we dont need technology to know about your community?
- Are these aspects that should not be mapped? How to consider sensitivities around what not to map?
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Key Takeaways

Identify key insights or topics discussed and summarize:

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Action Items

Capture possible action items individuals or the group discussed here

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Group that Session Notes

This is a living document, and as participants, please feel free to help it grow! Please add your notes, photos of notes, thoughts, or reflections here, during or after the session:

General Notes

Do you have any notes you'd like to share with your session group?

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Key Takeaways

Did you identify any important takeaways from the discussion?

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Roadblocks and Questions

Capture barriers, challenges, and differing views (*note: please capture differing reviews with respect, this space is for capturing ideas not critiquing them*)

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Action Items

Are there any actions you plan to take after the session? Or would like to work on with others?

Each Session should aim to answer these three questions

1. **What should the next Mayoral administration do to address this session topic?**
2. **What should the next City Council do to address this session topic?**
3. **What should we do as a community to address this session topic?**

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Reflections

Just want to provide your reflection on the session? Please feel free to do so!

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Contact Information

If you'd like to share your contact information to continue the conversation, please do so!

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