Visualizing Lake & Central

...in Support of Insightful Decisions about Terms and Designs

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With the assistance of multiple balloon-toting height surveyor colleagues.
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• Beyond guessing: Seek to understand impact.

• Basic exploration of sight lines and mass based on measured heights

• Can assist with discussion on terms of sale
  – Value of reducing perceived mass and height via:
    • Stepping back with height
    • Walkthroughs
    • Open spaces
    • Green areas
    • Creative win-win design ideas
Citizens’ Effort to Understand

- Use of 52’ balloon markers on December 13\textsuperscript{th}.
- Image capture + isometric projections off key points.
- Simple block visualization to get a sense for sight lines.
- Inexpensive but relatively accurate method.
A walk through Kirkland in just a few years...?
A December walk through Kirkland today…
Citizens’ Effort to Understand

• Modeling and visualization is critical for informed decision making.

• Requesting effort by staff to produce high-fidelity street-level visualizations.

• Valuable for formulating terms for purchase and sale while land still owned by city.