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**From:** James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 27, 2025 1:49 PM  
**To:** Neil Bradshaw  
**Cc:** Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Participate; Matthew A. Johnson; Jade Riley  
**Subject:** Re: PUBLIC COMMENT KCC meeting Dec 1 2025/ Request for Clarification of Biographical Information

A trip down memory lane well worth taking, Neil, and thank you for sharing.  
A story far more compelling than any CV could reveal.

Our deepest gratitude is always to those who sacrificed so much.

El jue, 27 nov 2025 a las 13:38, Neil Bradshaw (<[NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org)>) escribió:  
Hi Jim

I am happy to clarify anything about my background that you may have questions about.

I was born in 1966 in Harare, Zimbabwe (which was Salisbury, Rhodesia at the time)

As you correctly point out, Rhodesia was governed by an apartheid regime at that time - and up until 1980 when democracy (one person, one vote) was adopted.

The Rhodesian Civil War escalated throughout that period and there were many casualties. My father and cousins were all conscripted to fight in the war. My cousin was severely injured, and blinded by a landmine. My parents were not supportive of the apartheid regime and in 1977 (when I was 11 years old) we "escaped" Rhodesia with only the bags we could check on the plane. We left for the UK under the guise of a vacation (which was permitted while immigration was restricted) and never returned to the country until well after the regime had changed. We lost everything that we left in the country in 1977.

My brothers and I attended various schools in Scotland and England as we made the transition to living in the UK but predominantly spent high school at Sherborne School in Dorset.

Please note that the US does not recognize Rhodesia as a legal state. That is why it states in my US passport that I was born in Zimbabwe. It is typical (and usually considered respectful) to list your place of birth using the current place name, and not the place name at the time of your birth. On drop down menus, there is never a possibility to choose Rhodesia as a place of birth. Personally I think it is disrespectful of the current democracy to call my place of birth as Rhodesia.

I hope this helps your understanding of my background.

I appreciate your questions as it gave me an opportunity to take a trip down memory lane and recall all the sacrifices my parents made for the benefit of my brothers and myself. This is especially poignant on this Thanksgiving Day. I certainly feel thankful for all that my parents did for me.

Happy Thanksgiving

Cheers  
Neil

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On Nov 27, 2025, at 6:58 AM, James Hungelmann <[jim.hungelmann@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hungelmann@gmail.com)> wrote:

**Public Comment for the Record**

**Ketchum City Council Meeting – December 1, 2025**

**Submitted November 27, 2025**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw

City of Ketchum

**Re: Request for Clarification of Biographical Information**

Dear Mayor Bradshaw:

I am writing to request clarification regarding certain elements of your biography publicly posted on the city website:

*“I was born in Zimbabwe and grew up there until moving to the UK for high school and further education.”*

Because these representations were made directly in your public biography, it is appropriate to seek clarification of their accuracy. As written, these statements are historically imprecise and leave important questions unanswered.

As you are aware, Zimbabwe did not exist as an independent nation until April 18, 1980. Anyone born or raised in that territory prior to independence—including individuals of your generation—would have been born in Rhodesia, the unrecognized state under white-minority rule and universally condemned at the time by the international community. Because Rhodesia and Zimbabwe represent profoundly different political, cultural, and ethical contexts, this distinction is not a minor detail. It is central to understanding the environment in which a person was raised, particularly when that individual now serves as mayor of our city.

I want to emphasize that individuals raised in Rhodesia—especially those who emigrated as youth—did not choose the political environment into which they were born. This request concerns accuracy, transparency, and public clarity, and is not an attribution of personal culpability for the actions of that former regime.

Regarding your statement that your high-school education occurred in the United Kingdom, other references have suggested the possibility that you may have attended secondary school in Rhodesia itself, potentially at one of the elite boys’ boarding academies—such as Plumtree—that were common among white families at the time. These schools, known for their British public-school discipline, quasi-military cadet culture, and racially segregated environment, played a significant role in shaping the leadership ethos of white Rhodesian society.

Understanding whether your formative schooling occurred in Rhodesia or the UK—and at what age you left Rhodesia—is relevant to the Ketchum public’s understanding of the experiences that shaped your worldview and approach to public leadership.

Because you serve in elected office and your background informs your public role, it is appropriate and reasonable for your constituents to expect clarity on the following straightforward factual questions:

1. In what country and year were you born? Was it Rhodesia, as the historical timeline indicates?
2. Where did you attend secondary school? Was your high-school education completed in Rhodesia, or was it in the United Kingdom as your current biography states?

This request takes on added importance given the concerns many residents have raised over the years regarding the controversial manner in which city affairs have been handled during your tenure, including opaque decision-making and the shifting of authority among agencies and appointed bodies. Consequently, full clarity about the basic factual elements of your background is not only reasonable but essential for restoring public trust and for maintaining the integrity of the mayor’s office during the remainder of your term and into the future.

The importance of these questions is further heightened by the fact that Rhodesia transitioned into independence without any truth-and-reconciliation process, leaving many personal histories from that era—especially within the white community—unexamined and undocumented. In the absence of such historical accounting, transparency about formative background becomes all the more essential for those who now hold public authority in other countries, including the United States.

If you decline to clarify these basic factual matters, such refusal would raise serious concerns regarding transparency and public trust and, in the view of many residents, would warrant your immediate resignation, as honesty and full disclosure are fundamental obligations of our elected officials—particularly when the historical context involves regimes and institutions so opposed to the values of this community.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. The Ketchum public looks forward to your clarification.

Respectfully,

Jim Hungermann

Ketchum, Idaho

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**From:** James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 1, 2025 8:12 AM  
**To:** HP Boyle  
**Cc:** Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Neil Bradshaw; Tripp Hutchinson; Spencer Cordovano; Participate  
**Subject:** Re: KURA: Public Comment on \$2mm Request From GMD

Ketchum URA has infrastructure needs?

The only infrastructure it needs to be exposed as a grave constitutional violation and theft of the Democratic exclusive right of the people to determine and control capital projects - and to be shut down, collapsed, and liquidated in strict compliance with the rule of law.  
Anything short of that is giddy collusion and cowardice,

El lun, 1 dic 2025 a las 7:32, HP Boyle (<[boylehp@yahoo.com](mailto:boylehp@yahoo.com)>) escribió:  
To the KURA

Respectfully, as a Ketchum resident and taxpayer, I request that you deny this request and any future requests for funding to GMD. As the former Executive Director of KURA noted, Bluebird is a “private project on public land.” It is a for-profit project. KURA never committed to unlimited funding for this project. KURA has no obligation to subsidize a for-profit developer’s profit margins.

There is no legal requirement to accede to this request, and no adverse consequences for the residents and taxpayers of Ketchum in denying it.

Likewise, there is no benefit to the KURA for acceding to the request. URAs are mandated to invest in ways that increase the tax base in their areas. Yet Bluebird pays no property taxes. Funding this request will not increase the URA’s tax base and could potentially constitute an illegal act. Because this money does not increase the tax base, it could constitute a violation of KURA’s debt indenture and fiduciary responsibilities to its creditors.

Ms. Hamilton is the City's ex officio board member of KCDC, a beneficiary of this funding request. It would be a conflict of interest for her to participate in deliberations or voting on this request.

Ketchum's URA has urgent infrastructure needs that, if addressed, will have positive tax base implications for the URA. That is where KURA funds should be directed.

Thank you,

Perry Boyle  
Ketchum