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## GARFIELD ELEMENTARY

### School district taking nominations for elementary's name change

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School district officials are accepting nominations from the public for Garfield Elementary School's new name after initiating the name-change process at their last

announced its intent to rename Garfield Elementary," a district press release stated. "Members of the Del Rio community have the opportunity to submit nominations for naming the school."

Board president Joshua Overfelt suggested renaming

construction of two new schools, which would have been named after significant former educators or administrators, he said.

"In the last couple years we have lost some individuals that have been key to education in Del Rio who have served our district in

in May and that would have given us two new elementary schools that would have needed to be named."

The release states that nominations should be submitted using the form available from the district by mail, e-mail, or delivered by hand to

district's website and nominations will be taken until 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 2.

The school district will consider names including, but not limited to, the area or subdivision that the school is located in or an individual who contributed educational service or

als' service and physical materials like news clippings, letters of recommendation, and other printed resources to support their nomination, the release states.

A board of trustees-appointed selection committee will review the submissions and



Visitor's Bureau and Chamber of Commerce Leaders from Del-Rio, Sanderson, Uvalde and Bracketville met Wednesday afternoon at the Del-Rio Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Megan Tackett

# Take 90 Initiative gaining momentum

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Local leaders and chamber officials from neighboring cities met in Del Rio Wednesday to discuss the development of the tourism initiative Take 90.

The Del Rio Chamber of Commerce hosted visitors bureau and chamber officials from neighboring communities, and brainstormed how to advance the initiative to draw more traffic through the Highway 90 corridor.

Commerce leaders from other cities along Highway 90, including Texas Hill Country River Region executive director Annabell McNew, Brackettville

Chamber of Commerce president John Hope and Terrell County Commissioner Dale Carruthers, met in the Queen City to bring the project to fruition.

“I would think it’s going to benefit every city along 90 if we can promote this Take 90 initiative,” said Hope.

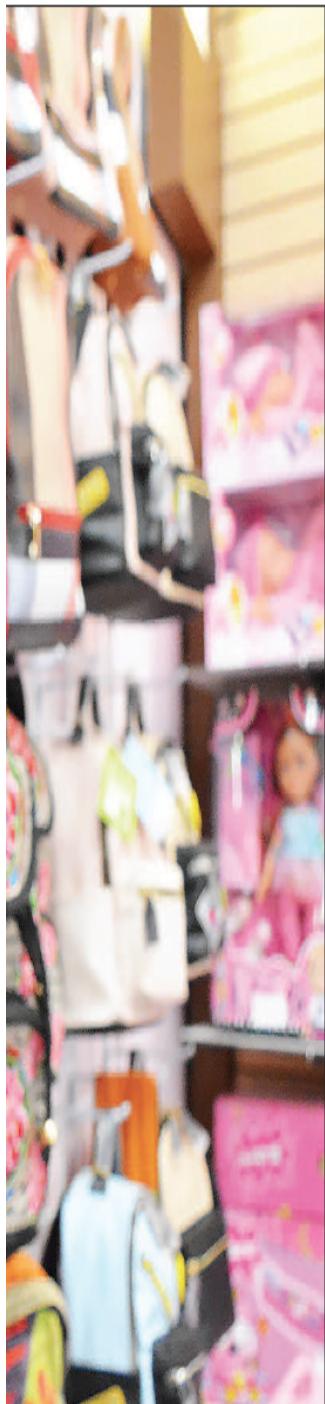
Ramiro Guzman and Del Rio native, now Austin resident, Chris Jacob, kickstarted the Take 90 idea in May 2017 to encourage travelers to take Highway 90 over Interstate 10 when traveling between San Antonio and Van Horn.

“On 90 you’re seeing vastly different landscapes and vastly different communities,”

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## TAKE 90

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McNew said. "You're really seeing Texas."

Head individuals from local entities, including Whitehead Museum Director Michael Diaz, Amistad National Recreational Area Superintendent Chris Ryan and Seminole Canyon State Park Superintendent Randy Rosales, attended the meeting to weigh in on Del Rio's most-visited attractions and how they can contribute to the

initiative.

Each leader from outside Del Rio mentioned major tourist-attracting annual events that their community hosts. Carruthers discussed The Big Bend Open Road Race, which will begin in Sanderson on April 25.

Multiple meeting attendants suggested to reach out to the European and Asian market to bring large tourist numbers to the area. According to Rosales, about 40 percent of tourists who visit Seminole Canyon State Park are international travelers.

"The communities outside of the United States spend thousands of dollars a year to come over here and see the west," Hope said. "If you drive 90 you will see the real west."

After the meeting, the city leaders visited a few Del Rio attractions including Memo's Restaurant, Whitehead Memorial Museum, Casa De La Cultura and Val Verde Winery. The group decided to reconvene in a couple months in Uvalde to further discuss the initiative.