

JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD

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Dr. LeRoy Walker, President
U.S. Olympic Committee
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Dear Dr. Walker:

The members of the Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board appreciate your interest in the Jesse Owens Memorial Park, Oakville, Alabama.

We are making significant progress toward the park's development. Since we met with you in Birmingham last October, the following accomplishments have been made:

1. Mr. Buchanan and I met with the Owens family in Chicago. We have their full support for the project.
2. We received the grant for the statue and the sculptor began work this month. Completion deadline is February 28, 1996.
3. Our architect, Mr. Kenneth Owens, is working on plans for the museum and birth home replica. The plans will also be included when applying for additional grants.
4. Plans are to secure cooperate funding for itemized projects in the park. Joe Wheeler Electrical Cooperative has agreed to install all underground wiring at a cost estimate of \$27,000.
5. We received an \$80,000 Land and Water Grant that will be used for pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand.
6. The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board was put on the county's United Way in which we will receive \$5,000 per year.

We are excited about the possibility of the torch run making a stop at the park. This unique opportunity will never be possible again. We hope you can help in getting the run to come through Oakville.

Thanks for your help and we hope we can work with the Torch Relay personnel in developing a unique, high profile event at the Jesse Owens Memorial Park.

Sincerely,

James Pinion, Vice-Chairman
Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board