



George Navarrete was appointed Director of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department on November 17, 2016. Before his appointment to Director, Mr. Navarrete served as the Deputy Director for Planning and Development, serving a vital role in the department's evolution and in the implementation of its strategic plan.

He holds a bachelor's degree in architecture and a master's degree in construction management from Florida International University. Mr. Navarrete has more than 30 years experience in project and construction management. He previously worked as the Director of the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI). At OCI he was responsible for the implementation of the County's \$2.9 billion Building Better Communities bond program, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Program and the Quality Neighborhood Improvements Program. He also oversaw the Miscellaneous Construction Contracts Program, the Architecture and Engineering Selection process and other issues related to construction and contracting.

He began his County career at the Miami-Dade Transit Agency and was there for over 22 years. During this time he worked on every major transit project in the County including the Metrorail and Metromover projects. Mr. Navarrete has also worked in the private sector as a subject expert consultant. Mr. Navarrete has published several articles and lectured in the areas of construction scheduling, project management and project control.

Mr. Navarrete was born in Cuba on July 9, 1955. He and his wife Libby live in south Miami-Dade County in the Falls area with their daughter Sofia.