Sheila Lodge will discuss her new book (cover above) about how Santa Barbara became the community that it is through planning. She will describe the many battles it sometimes took and the process that was developed to make the critical decisions. Because of her personal involvement in the struggles, her book is partially a memoir.

Sheila was born at home on her parents’ dairy in Arcadia, CA. She is a life-long Californian except for 2 1/2 years in Annapolis, MD, where she taught school and did social work. She returned to California in 1950 and came to Santa Barbara in 1952. Sheila served on the Santa Barbara City Planning Commission from 1973-1975, the City Council from 1975-1981, and as Mayor from 1981-1993. An incurable public policy wonk, since 2009 she’s been back on the Planning Commission where she started her civic life 45 years ago.

An UNcommonplace American Town — This event is co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and will be presented on November 15, 2020 at 4pm. The Zoom link is: bit.ly/UNcommonplace