

Carrie Sonneborn has been the driving force behind Eiber's participation in the City of Lakewood's award-winning Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. At the first Eiber Neighborhood Association (ENA) meeting that she attended, president, Paul Ditson, mentioned the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and Carrie immediately volunteered. From there she single-handedly publicized the initiative and established the Resilience Circle to build community connections based on shared interest in local Sustainability. Carrie's focus has always been on reaching out to involve neighbors in making Eiber a cleaner, healthier place to live for all.

Eiber was the first Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood in Lakewood, a designation that is based on the number of activities and participants. When the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program won a National Planning Association Award, Carrie spoke at their national conference at the invitation of the City of Lakewood Sustainability Division. Some of the projects she has spearheaded include the Resilience Circle, Bee Safe Eiberhood, Food Rescue at The Action Center, Annual Eiberhood Garden Tour, Annual Sustainable Eiber Picnic, and a fun Stitch 'n Bitch Group.

She was also an early adopter of NextDoor.com who set up the Eiberhood Neighborhood based on the official boundaries of Eiber (Colfax – Wadsworth – 6th Ave – Oak), albeit with a 'donut hole' in the middle (10th & Garrison neighborhood). Nextdoor.com has proven to be an invaluable tool for community building.

She has lived in Eiber since 2004 but it wasn't until she attended that fateful ENA meeting in 2011/2012 where Paul sought a volunteer for the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, that she got a chance to meet her neighbors and build community around making Eiber more Sustainable.