

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
[CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 500

05/31/2012

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/31/2012 | | A | | 6,673 (1) \$ 7.4924 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/31/2012 | | A | | 7,269 (2) \$ 6.878 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2012 | | M ⁽³⁾ | | 595 \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2012 | | D | | 595 \$ 7.4486 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,001 | I | By Wife |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. F... | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | (4) | 06/01/2012 | | M | 595 | 06/01/2010 06/01/2013 | Common Stock | 595 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kristin R. Myers, by Power of Attorney
06/04/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Half of the 2012-2013 director annual retainer was paid in stock under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan.
- (1) For the purpose of determining the number of shares granted, the value of the Corporation's common stock is equal to the average closing price on each trading day during the 30 calendar day period ending May 31, 2012.
 - (2) Stock granted in lieu of cash for director's fees under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (2009 Plan). Under the 2009 Plan, the price is 95% of the closing price on the day of issuance.

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- Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and
- (3) have vested as to 25% of the total units granted. As required under the 2005 RSU Plan, the vested units were settled for cash from CPI. Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CPI common stock.

- Award of restricted stock units under Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the average of the closing price of CPI's common stock on each trading day during the 30 day period
- (4) ending on the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. Unforfeited shares held prior to vesting will earn dividends paid annually but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon separation from service as a member of the Board.

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