STONE R DARY Form 4

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# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STONE R DARY Issuer Symbol **COUSINS PROPERTIES INC** (Check all applicable) [CUZ] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 02/16/2011 Vice Chairman 3600 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ATLANTA, GA 30303 Person

(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative :	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/16/2011		M(2)	3,072	A	\$0	153,787 (3)	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2011		D	3,072	D	\$ 8.55	150,715 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock							3,339	I	By Profit Sharing Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction of Derivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		
Security	or Exercise		any	Code Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired						
	Derivative				(A) or					
	Security			Disposed of						
	·			(D)						
					(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
										Amount
							Date	Expiration		or
							Exercisable	Date		Number
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				Code V	(A)	(D)				Shares
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Phantom	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2011		$M^{(2)}$		3.072	02/16/2010	02/16/2013	Common	3,072
Stock		5=, = 3 <b>, =</b> 5 1 1				-, <b>-</b>			Stock	-,-,-

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STONE R DARY 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 3600 ATLANTA, GA 30303

Vice Chairman

# **Signatures**

/s/ R. Dary Stone 02/17/2011

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **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).

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 (1) ending on the date payment is due under the plan. These units will yest 25% per year on each applyers any date of the grant, with units

- (1) 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 termination of employment.
- Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and (2) 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.

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Includes 1,137 shares of restricted stock awarded under the CPI 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

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